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# COINS, BILLS, ETC.

United States Lottery ticket issued by Congress Nov. 18, 1776 to raise money for the Revolutionary War, fine \$2.5	50
Draft for 1000 pounds issued by the Bank of the United States 1839, view	
of Bank, fine	25
Chinese Razor or Knife money about 100 B. C., fine	
Large Roman bronze Aes, issued about 300 B. C., wt. nearly 11b., fine, rare 9.0	100
Beautiful pair of small size U. S. gold dollars solid gold shanks on back	
and good chain attached for use as buttons, very fine 5.2	25
Hamburg, 1854, beautiful gold ducat, Knight stands in armor, unc 3.2	
15c Grant and Sherman frac currency bills, green back, fine but small tear 1.5	
15c Grant and Sherman bill, red back, fine	
1851 California gold \$50"slug"octagonal,considerably worn,but very cheap 90.0	
Autograph letter signed, of Henry Grattan, the great Irish leader, 1803. 4.5	
Pahang Hat money, so caled from shape like a square hat, pewter, goodN 1.5	
Benin bronze ring money used in the slave trade, bracelet shaped, fine 1.5	
Siam porcelain money, fine	
The large silver Award Medal of the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition,	
showing Indian and buffale. In original case, V. fine 8.3	
Germany, 1915, the newly coined 3 mark piece war money from German	
mined silver, St. Geo. and dragon and German eagle, uncirculated 2.5	
100 perfect Indian flint arrowheads, nice lot	50
100 arrowheads, imperfect, but many desirable colors and varieties 1.5	
Curious Turkish brass pen and ink holder, fine	75
Very curious Dahomey (Africa) powder holder, leather pouch with small	
	70
10 different Continental and Colonial bills in very fine condition, unusual lot 4.3	50
10 different Egyptian bronze coins about 1700 years old	85
Alaska gold 1/2 dwt. Miner and pick, fine 1.0	00
Alaska gold ¼ dwt. same, fine	50
France, 1793, assignate for 15, 25, 50 sols and 10 livres, very curious old	
paer money of the French Revolution, fine	33
100 different foreign copper, brass and nickel coins 2.5	25
1836 U. S. Flying eagle dollar, fine	50
1849 \$5.00 Morman gold piece, All Seeing Eye and clasped hands, very	
good, very rare	50



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Columbian Issue:	
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0. Lil. of 4 o m	.25
3c blk. of 4, o. g	.12
1c blk of 4, 0. g	.30
bc strip of 4, o. g	
8c pair, o. g	.20
4c single copy, o. g	.06
15c single copy, o. g	.27
\$1.00 single copy, o. g	1.50
Jamestown, complete set, o. g	.15
Lovisiana Purch., complete set, o.g	.45
Pan American, complete set, o. g.	.50
Trans-Mississippi, complete set,	
condition fine, 3 st. edges	6.75
P. P. Issue, Blocks with plate 1	num-
bers, up to 10c values, 4c over	face,
per blk:	
10 to 950 fine o m	1.00
1c to \$1.00, fine, used	1.25
Lincoln Memorial Issue:	1,00
Rlock of 4 o g	1.4
Block of 4, o. g	20
Place of to a bluish name	1.00
Panama-Pacific:	1.00
Blocks with plate numbers,	
blocks with plate numbers,	
complete issue including 10c.	4 70
yellow K. C. Roulettes, 1c-2c pair	1.50
K. C. Roulettes, 1c-2c pair	2.50
Hawaii, condition fine:	**
Cat. M	
No. 65 o. g \$ 3.00 \$	
No. 31 o. g	.35
No. 45 o. g 1.00	.45
No. 52b o. g 1.50	.75
Hayti, condition fine:	
No. 3 used	.25
No. 4 used 1.50	.75
No. 11 used	.16
Canada, condition fine:	
No. 1 used 3.50	1.50
No. 4 used	.35
No. 8 used 5.00	2.25
Quebec set, complete, o. g	1.25
Newfoundland, condition fine:	1.2./
No. 1a o. g 4.00	1.95
No. 19 o. g	1.20
No. 24a o. g 2.50	1.20
No. 26 o. g 2.50	1.20
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January 31st. 1916

Lot No. E. S. No. i	n lot	FOREIGN.	
	100	43 Azores 1911 No. 126 \$2.25 44 Azores 1912 No. 155 (40) 159	75
2 Nos. 70 and 85, fair	2	(30) (\$2.00)	70
2 1870-79 3c green	760	45 Austria, Dues 1908 6c (\$6.00) 36	0.0
4 1883 2c brown	1000 725	46 Bayaria No. 8 18kr vollow	
6 1895 4c rose brown, all fine	400	(\$3.00) fair 47 Br. Guiana, early issues, de-	1
8 1901 2c Pan American, all fine	238	47 Br. Guiana, early issues, de-	
9 1902 le imp. block 6, og mint	- 90	fective (\$12.50)	9
10 1902 2c flag	1000	blue (\$4.00) 200 Fe18	0.0
11 1902 4c brown	500		00
13 1903 2c shield	1000	50 Canada 1897 3c Jubilee \$4.00, 20	00
	2000	50 Canada 1897 3c Jubilee \$4.00. 20 51 Canada 1897 5c Jubilee, o.g.	
15 1908 4c orange brown	600		6
16 1907 2c red, all fine, Jamestown	300	52 Canada 1898 5c No. 78 (\$4.00) 20 53 Cape Verde No. 76, and 78, all	90
17 1909 2c Alaska, Hudson, Lin-		fine (\$2.75) ass	60
coln, each 160 18 1912 Parcel Post 1c	300 500	54 Cape Verde 1898 to date all	10
19 1912 Parcel Post 2c	1000		23
20 1912 Parcel Post 3c	30	55 Chile 1904 No. 66, 10c olive	
21 1912 Parcel Post 4c	200	green, o. g. (\$2.50)	1
22 1912 Parcel oPst 5c	500	55 Chili 1883 5c blue No. 29 30 57 Chili No. 52 (100) No. 71 (200) 30	
23 1912 Parcel Post 10c 24 1912 Parcel Post 15c	500	57 Chili No. 52(100) No. 71 (200) 30 58 Chili 1911 5c blue No. 101 20	00
24 1912 Parcel Post 15c 25 1912 Parcel Post 10c o. g., 9	100	59 Chili 1912 10c blue No. 116 30	
pairs with plate numbers.		60 Chili Juan Fernandez 2 fine	
	18	used sets 61 Costa Rica No. 27, Jamaica	
25 1912 Parcel Fost 10c n e 4		61 Costa Rica No. 37, Jamaica	
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bers, face, 1.60 27 1912 Parcel Post Ic to \$1.00.	16	62 Cuba 1899 3c purple, mostly	50
complete control to \$1.00.		blocks \$3.00 63 Cuba 1905 1c No. 233 50	
complete, every stamp very	12	64 Cuba 1910 2c(500) 2c 1911(700) 120	
		65 Dutch Indies, 20 Century fine	
		(\$1.61) var	22
\$1.13) 29 Agriculture 12c, heavy can-	5	66 Mexico Nos. 296, 304-7, 100	
29 Agriculture 12c, heavy can-		each (\$4.00)	
cellation (\$6.50) 20 Envelopes cut square, Noc.		68 Netherland, Nos. 225, 240, o.g.	10
	4	block of 8 each, superh(\$1.44) 1	6
51 Envelopes, cut sa Nos 1419.	2	69 Nicaragua Nos. 285-6, full sheet of 29 unused	
	4	sheet of 20. unused 57	
32 Dues 2c 1895, all in pairs		70 Patiala No. 27 block of 18 o.g. 21	
REVENUES.		71 Ponta Delgada No.27,fine\$1.00 72 Portugal No. 2 to 16, few de-	4
		fects war	9
32 2c U.S. Internal Rev. No. 2814	780		-
24 25c Cert. (40) 25c Pow. Atty (20) uncancelled		each (\$1.95)	25
35 25c Cert. in pairs	6.0	75 Fullippines old revolutionary	
36 2c Liberty, 5th Issue No. 9967	379	stamps 3 var. ass. sheets, o.g. 20	
37 50c Entry of Goods part perf	013	74 Peru 1989 5c violet No.188 \$19 56 75 Transvaal Nos. 272-82, each	0
	2	50. fine (\$4.50) 10	0.0
		76 Venezuela Nes. 179, 185, 193	
	10	194, each 24 in sheets, o. g.	
35 \$1.00 Probate Will, very fine (\$1.25)			36
40 Fine mounted for \$5.08		75 Venezuela 1914 25c. No. 234	
41 Average mounted lot, \$11.65		\$4.00) To Br. Colonies. 1 to 10c each,	10
42 Fair to good, cat 25c-\$100		good (\$3.13) var.	50
each \$5.50 var	15	79 12 var. ass. fine lot (\$1.53) \$	31
42 10-25c each, all diff., \$3.86	27	80 Mixed lot, common 100	
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81	Packet, cat. 2c each \$6.00	300	95 Bermuda, Barb., Br. Guinea,
82	Packet, cat. 3c each \$6.00	209	Boh. (\$1.73) var 2
83	Packet, cat. 25c each, defec-		96 Canada obsolete (\$2,42) fine 5
	tive \$12.50	50	97 Centr. & So. America 2.13 fine 4
84	Packet, cat. \$20.70, defective,		98 Foreign & U. S., 75 var. 3,50
	poor	13	good 15
85	Packet, cat. \$21.34, defective,		99 Portugal & Colonies, 25 var. 20
	poor	78	100 U. S. Permits, cut square, var. 46
59	Canada 1899,2 on 3c surcharge		101 U. S. Permits, cut square, ass. 14
	No. 84, complete o. g. sheet,		102 Snuff Cigarette Stamps 8
	fine, worth \$5.00	100	103 View Cards, foreign, 30 dif-
	COVERS, ETC., U. S.		ferent countries with stamps 5
86	Civil War envelopes, unused,		104 81 stamps, 12 var., fine lot.
	fine	6	cat. \$4.53
87	Covers with Spec. Del. green		105 1000 mixed stamps, most common
	stamp, No. 896	4	106 Rev. 1898 \$1.00 green, uncut,
88	1898 to date, imp. pairs, etc.,		\$3.00
	1-5e (\$2,41)	22	107 100 all differentcat, \$1,5
89	ld 3c green entire envelopes	160	108 200 all different 3.0
9.0	Old 2c brown entire envelopes	100	109 300 all different 4.0
91	Covers, many varieties, few		110 400 all different 6.0
	Canada and foreign	250	111 500 all different 8.0
92	Revenue 1861 2c 3d issue on		112 600 all different 10.0
	original drafts	50	113 700 all different 12.0
	FOREIGN.		114,800 all different 14.0
98	Arg. Nos: 90-1 on one cover,		115 1500 well assorted 20.0
0.4	fine (50)	2	Above contain U. S. and foreign, nic
94	Austria, Asutralla, Arg. (2.03)	22	clean stamps, none are damaged.

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135 1912 Ic ochre surcharged.	1c					
136 1912 2c green surcharged	1c					
187 1912 Se slate green, surch	1c.					
1913 regular issue:						
176 1913 14c dark brown	1c					
177 1913 1c ochre	1c					
178 1913 2c green	1c					
179 1913 3c slate green	1c.					
180-1913 4c scarlet	1c					
181 1913 5c lilac	1c					
185 1913 10c dark blue	Ic.					
188 1913 20c brown red	3c					
189 1913 30c brown violet	5c					
190 1913 50c deep green	6c					
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Conch Seal (358 to 354) mint or used | 15 |
Carranza C. C. M. (422 to 422) mint. 50 |
1911 Officials (576 to 686) mint. 5.00 |
Official (675 | 3.50 |
Dues (706 to 764) mint | 40 |
Dollar Surcharge Dues (705 to 769) |

Nielsen, Brooklyn,--Re sure to hold a half page of for me next issue. Sorry my page missed last issue.

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#### EDITORIAL CORNER

The Christmas of 1915 has passed and we are about to enter the new year of 1915. After having passed through a year of peace and prosperity such as this country has seldom seen, not only from a commercial view, but also from the prosperity of our hobby, it is with the highest hopes that we start on another twelve month journey. It is with just pride that our aspiration should be great, for the West takes its first step on the 20th year of its existence-20 years of striving to please the man with a hobby. How well we have succeeded we will leave to you, our readers, but it shall be our endeavor to give you something a little better each issue. To all our readers and those who have been our advertisers, we extend our hearty good wishes that the New Year may greet you with good cheer and prosperity.

We have just been favored with a copy of the newBrazil Jubilee issued on Nov. 13th, to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the discovery of "Cabo Frio." It is of the 100 Reis denomination and according to the Stamp Trade was only on sale for 15 days, which should make it a good stamp to have. Color light green.

The Stamp Journal which was formerly published at Florida, N. Y., and lated of Camden, N. J., has changed again and will be published by Eben S. Martin of Covington, Ohio, the first issue under the new ownership to appear in January.

Mr. R. B. Martin of Silver Creek, N. Y., submits some poster stamps for they might be called such, which show a very unique way of raising the powerful dollar, but would hardly want the plant to be tried with the stamp fraternity. The National Ass'n of Commerce and Labor has issued stickers of 6c, 10c, 25c, 50c, \$2.00 and \$10 denominations. These are pasted on the remittance that any member of the association may make and they explain as follows: "In forwarding you our check in settlement of your invoice, less the amount of 1 per cent represented by discount stamps of the association, we desire to explain that these stamps purchased by us from said association, represent the contribution which members of the Association have offered to make against nation-wide prohibition. In case you are not a member, nor interested in contributing to its funds, we shall, upon receipt of advice from you to this effect, remit to you the amount of discount deducted, with due anologies for our error."

#### NEW STAMPED ENVELOPE.

Washington, D. C.—The postoffice department has notified postmasters that it is to issue stamped envelopes bearing an embossed 2-cent postage stamp of new design.

The new stamp is printed in red ink and is in the form of a circle about one and one-sixteenth inches in d'ameter. In the center is embossed the head of Washington in profile, looking to the left. The sides and upper portion of the border carry the words "United States Postage." in white capital letters, and within the border, beneath the head, is the word "cents" with the numeral "2" on each side inclosed in a small white circle.

The new stamped envelopes are produced from paper bearing new watermark designs composed of a monogram of the letters "U. S." one inch high and one-half inch wide. The year "1915" runs downwardly through the monogram, or horizontally through the upper part of the monogram, or horizontally through the upper part of the monogram, or horizontally through the upper part of the monogram, the different positions of the year indicating the mills which manufactured the paper.— Climping sent by Boers of Detroit and Haight of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

ERRATTA:—Paul M. Smith's ad, in the Lincoln Memorial Issue, should be Center Guide Line. M. Ganser's ad, first name is Malcolm. On the first page of Trade X Ads, price should be 2c, not 5c. In the half-page ad of S. P. A. year book, should be: Copies 50c to non-members. To members and advertisers copies gratis.

The next number will show several book plates and cut of this month's WEST cover designer.

The N. Y. Sunday Times has a page ad of a firm of that city and reports sales for this year of art and literary property, under whose management many record prices were obtained during the public sale of paintings, books, prints, objects of art and antiquity, which have reached the grand total of over thirty-two million dollars.

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PLEASE NOTE: Members are urged to look over the applicant list each month carefully and if any undesirables are in it, report same at once to Secretary webb. Members and applicants of this Association who receive unsolicited satisfactors of stamps with no return postage enclosed are requested to return siving a real to proposers of applicant name of firm to Secretary. Often in giving credit to proposers of applicant name of firm to Secretary. Often in siving and the interest of the secretary of the following month in the summary of recruiting work, because the second of the proposers of applicant is an about the second of th

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS .- Reading, Pa., Dec. 21, 1915.

Dear Fellow-members:-- I hope you have all enjoyed a Merry Christmas, and that the New Year will bring forth to you bountiful rewards for your earnestness in the past. I also hope that none of you have forgotten to do for the S. P. A. all that was possible during the year of 1915 and that you shall only work harder throughout the coming year.

At this time I again wish to bring before the members the question of sending out unsolicited stamps. While there may be some members who do not discourage this particular way of doing business, still I am sure it would be a lot better not to continue such a practice, and I ask you all in all sincerity to discontinue this habit, as it will surely prove a loss in the end.

Has everybody placed their advertisement in the Year Book? If not, there may still be some chance of getting it in, and why not write L. M. Lang, Box 476, Philadelphia, Pa., and get him to give you a good space. It will help along the Association, and no one else will benefit by so doing. Let it forthcome, if it has not always the association.

Washington is getting ready to receive in royal state, and I hope all the members are arranging to be present at the 1916 Convention to be held the third week in August. Since Washington is the home of the postage stamp, it will make it only the more interesting to be able to meet in that city, and I have the assurance of the Washington Branch that they will do things up fine. Are you all counting on being present? If not, why not?

Hoping that everyone will do as much as possible for the association, and wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

Yours for a Greater S. P. S. Clifford W. Kissinger, President.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT. - APPLICATIONS

- 2006. Wililam W. Walsh, Roy Bldg., Halifax, Nova Scotia. Legal, Barrister. Parke M. Lawrence.
- 2007. Thos. H. Leeming, Drawer 719, Victoria, B. C., Canada. 42, Broker. J. R. Fish.
- 2008. P. E. Crabtree, 590 Lake Park Ave., Oakland, Cal. 35, City Passenger Agt. C. V. Webb.
- 2009. C. L. Engels, 315 Central Ave., Sandusky, Ohio. 55, Pres. Wine Co. Jno.
- G. Dorn.
  2010. W. C. Smith, 5230 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill. 41, Comm. Photographer.
- 2011. Towne L. Miler, 911 Watson St., Ripon, Wisc. 31, Hotel Mgr. Louis B.
- 2012. George Deitrich, 3443 E. 6th St., Los Angeles, Cal. 36, Stamp Dealer.
- J. Goodman.
- Brodstone. 2014. Conrad H. Mumper, 823 W. State St., Trenton, N. J. Not legal. Student.
- C. V. Webb.
- 2016. Clarence Close, Lincoln St., Boyer Heights, R. 1, Reading, Pa. 12, Student, C. W. Kissinger
- 2017. C. A. Bigelow, 1104 So. 4th St., Clinton, Iowa. 40, R. R. Conductor. Burt McCann.
- 2018. Johan B Brandt, Hendricks, Minn. 28, Farmer. J. E. Guest,
- 2019. Wm. S. Shultz, R. No. 11, Box 25, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. 23, Bank Teller. L. T. Brodstone.
- 2020. Robert L. Junghanns, Box "C," Bayamon, Porto Rico. 39, Real Estate. L. J. Ragatz.
- 2021. R. E. Tanton, Box 164, Jefferson, Okla. 21, Bookkeeper. A. A. Jones.
- 2022. Austin T. Lewis, Morgan Farm, Beloit, Wisc. 22, House Servant. Webb.
- 2023. Joseph D. Amey, 2304 N. 21 St., Philadelphia, Pa. 35, Stamp Dealer. C. V. Webb.

- 2024. Francs Rawle, Jr., 116-420 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. 39, Gen'l Insursurance. C. V. Webb.
  2025. Oliver Raymond, Box 6, Port Sanilac, Mich. 17, Grocer Clerk, H. R.
- 2026 W. W. Lytle, 316 West Park Ave., Waterloo, Ia. 53, Flour and Feed
- 2020. w. W. Lytte, 316 West Park Ave., Waterloo, 1a. 53, Flour and Feed Merchant. C. V. Webb. 2027. Kenneth M. Macabee, 1919 West St., Oakland, Cal. 17, Clerk. O. G.
- Beardslee.
- 2028. Joseph V. Wells, R. 31, Bergen, N. Y. 14, Student. Benj. P. Allen.
  2029. Harold E. Thurber, 395 Public St., Providence, R. I. 17, Student Benj. P.
- 2030. Otto I. Zeller, 3540a Conn. St., St. Louis, Mo. 21, Clerk. A. A. Jones.
- 2031. Montagne Triest, 38 Broad St., Charleston, S. C. 44, Broker C. V. Webb.
- 2032. Lester H. Brigham, 28 Windsor Rd., W. Somerville, Mass. 21, Mfg. Webb.
- 2033. Harry A. Low, 5636 Margaretta St., Pittsburg, Pa. 54, Mgr. C. V. Webb.
- 2034. Michael P. Hynes, Box 325, St. Johns. Newfoundland. 31, Water Rate Collector. Louis R. Felter.
- 2035. J. C. McCleggett, Peterboro, Ont., Canada. 18, Clerk. F. P. Robins.
- 2036. Gilbert Wm. Aspers, 958 So. 8th St., Camden, N. J. 33, Pattern Maker. A. A. Jones.
- 2037. Thomas W. Harriss, Box 53, Norlina, N. C. 50, Dentist. C. V. Webb.
- 1238. L. T. Boynton, 1300 Pa. Ave., Washington, D. C. 33, Sec. Gorham.
- 1239. Graham Loving, 2410 18 St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 14, Student. Albert E. Gorham.
- 1240. Albert R. Merz, 1750 Park Road, N. W., Washington, D. C. 29, Scientist. Albert E. Gorham.
- 1241. J. D. K. Smoot, 728 Rock Creek Church Road, Washington, D. C. 31, Clerk Agri. Dept. C. H. Loomis.
- 1242. Thomas J. Brown, Box 172, Bound Brook, N. J. 25, Clerk. Burt McCann.
- 1243. Charles B. Lazar, 1464 5th Ave., N. Y. City. 16, Law Clerk. B. P. Allen.
- 1244. P. W van Baarle, Kemajoran 72, Weltevreden, Dutch East Indies. 31, Bookkeeper. L. T. Brodstonc.
- 1245. T. S. Clark, Box 789, Cobalt, Ont., Canada. 61, Accountant. H. A.Bernard
- 1246. Harry T. Knapp, 579 Bainbridge St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 17, Clerk. Webb.
- 1247. LLeroy C. Brown, 407 Center St. Olean, N.Y. 26, Clerk. H.E. Klotzbach.
- 1248. J. E. Grafter, 191/2 St. 3rd St., Newark, O. 39, Merchant. C. V. Webb.
- 1249. Geo. E. Higgins, Acacia Club, Portland, Oregon. 34, Secretary Club. Webb
- 1250. Walter J. Graves, 612 Kimball St., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. 45, Civil Engineer. C. W. Kissinger.
- 1251. Owen W. Bent, 43 Bedford St., Waltham, Mass. 26, Grocer. C. V. Webb.
- 1252. J. Albert Cameron, Box 230, Napanee, Ont., Canada. 22, Stamp Dealer. Grant L. Paul.
- 1253. Arthur J. Peterson, 4022 N. Maplewood Ave.. Chicago, Ill. 16, Shipping Clerk. C. V. Webb.

2254, Fred J. Wagenvoord, 609 Maple St., Lansing, Mich. 38, Mfg. Hendricks. 2255, E. K. Seyd, 874 Broadway, N. Y. City, Legal, Stamp dealer, Hendricks,

2256. John G. Bassler, 417 S. Dickenson St., Madison, Wisc. 21, Armature

2260. Mrs. Jos. Williams, R. 5, Box 22, Mt. Vernon, Ill. 72. C. V. Webb.

APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATLMENT .- 571. Thornton H. Webb, Box 38, Hanover, N. J. 25, Poultryman, C. V. Webb, 1458, S. Estell Miller, Corry,

RESIGNATION WITHDRAWN .- 1363. C. H. Lennon.

REINSTATED .- S03. Paul M. Allen, 3 Blanchard Ave., Binghamton, N.Y.

RESIGNED .- 538. R. S. Rynning. 655. W. A. Kromer. 1273. L. J. Hawkins, 1598, Stephen S. Golding, 1384, Franklin Coombs, 1474, Glenn H. Alex-

CHANGE OF ADDRESS .- Ewen Davidson, Valparaiso, Ind. 405 Monroe St. E. P. Biron, 3012 Ave O 1/2, Galveston, Texas, Malcolb H. Aver, Care Y. M. C. A., Fostoria, O. W. H. Price, 12, Minami-Denma-che, Itcheme, Kyobashi-ku, Tokyo, Japan. W. F. Slusser, Manila, P. I. T. H. Milenius, 2830 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, Wm. F. Boland, 3865a Blaine Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Charles N. Guy, Pinckneyville, Ill. Mrs. Jennie L. Kanc, Box 25, Coronado Beach, Cal.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY .- - Total membership, Nov. 20, 1915, 1115. Reinstated, 3. Resignation withdrawn, 1. New members, 49. Resigned, 8. Total

ON RECRUITING .- C. V. Webb, 39. L. T. Brodstone, 26. C. W. Kissinger, 14. J. E. Guest and Albert E. Gorham, 9. H. E. Klotzbach, 8. L. B. Farvour, 6. Victor W Rotnem and E. Androchowicz, 5. Jerome G. Wolf, 6. Following four each: Wm, Lycett, H. R. Hendricks, A. A. Jones, Burt McCann. Following three each: L. M. Lang, Chas. W. Ritchie, Benj. P. Allen, L. J. Ragatz, H. A. Bernard. Following two each: E. P. Seebohm, S. H. Barnes, E. T. Wallis, P. M. Lawrence, O. G. Beardslee, J. J. Zamora, M. Ohlman, H. C. Burns, Silas Weatherby, M. R. Houdlette, R. W. Ahlmann, Justin Miller, J. R. Fish.

Application in Nov. WEST should have read: 1938. W. H. Rauert, 1116 South Locust St., Grand Island, Nebr. Deputy Clerk of the District Court.

1998 should have been E. H. Paterson.

what make the job WORTH WHILE. C. V. Webb, Secretary.

Washington Branch No. 5. Southern Philatelic Assocaition was called to order by the President, Albert E. Gorham, for its fourth meeting, Monday, Dec.

29, 130, at 6 b, m, m rooms at a did 427, bond bdg.
Presentt: Swartz, Gocham, Dunkhorst, Mason, Colson, Leavy, Wilson, Cooke, Thompson, Johnson, Hammelman, Martin, Tracy, Robinson, Cox, Burfeind, Ballard, Houston, Loomis, Hungerford, Howland Clemens, Brobaugh, Hatza-kordzian, Caton, Lewis, Schmidt, Lantz, W. O. Emery, Emery, Caudell, Loving, Smoot, Merz, and W. P. Colman (35).

Minutes of the third meeting were read and approved.

Reports from Treasurer, Sales Manager, Exchange Manager, Assistant

actioneer, were submitted and evidenced the fact that these departments were I in good condition; three sales circuits and one exchange circuit being in culation, and exchanges an auction sales being conducted every meeting.

Bills for expenses, amounting to \$12.55 were submitted, and upon motion

rants drawn on the treasury for the amount.

oplications for Membership were received from the following: J. D. K. Agriculture Dept., 728 Rock Creek Church Road, N. W.; Albert R. Merz,
Dept., 1750 Park Road, N. W.; Thomas Miller, M. D., 3212 Georgia
Mr. Caton stated that Mr. W. Frazier Baldwin, 212 N. Washington Va . desired to become a member of the Branch. N. W.

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hand for Entertainment—Mr. E. A. Conon, Chmita Press—Mr. I. B. Robions-Mr. M. R. l'Iowland, Chmn. Special Committees to them Philatelic Association in Annual Convention, August 15, Executive-The President as Chairman and the Board of Gov-· Ways and Means Mr. J. W. Thompson; Reception A. N. C. Hammelman; Ladies—Mrs. C. E. Hartigan; Press- H. R. D. Cox; Program—G. A. Martin; Resolutions—P. A. H. F. Colman. Chairmen of committees are to appoint Badges-H. of their respective Committees.

- members unch are as follows: Governing Board-Albert E. Gor-W. Washington, D. C.; Mrs. C. E. Hartigan, V.Pres., ming or. Mason, Treas, 1859 Morroe St., N. W., Wash-F St., N. W., Washington, D. C., Orville Le D. C.; W. Havden Collins, 418 Bond Bldc, s. C. Wibson, Sales Mgr., 3418 R St. N. mis, Exchange Mgr., 2515 Wisconsin Deck, Auction Mgr., 622 Riggs N. W., Washington. aigten. D. C.; Harry b. C. Wm. A. Johnson 18. R. W., Washington, R'St. Other officers: Jame st. Auct. Mgr., 24 R St., N. W., ": Cornwall H. Loo. O3 Cameron St., Alexandria, Oregon Ave., N. W., Wash-Bldg., Washington, D. C.; Ogton, D. C.; Harry F. 28,00, D. C. . D. C.; Howard -ville L. Ballard, A. weshing to Caton, Attorney,

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" loyalty and interest and most enthusiastic a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, the President presented a box of

The President of the Washington Philatelic Society, Mr. Johnson, who is one of the Board of Governors of the S. P. A. Branch, entertained the members with a few remarks evidencing the harmonious working together of the two

After remarks of interest from a number of the members, the meeting was closed at 9:40 p. m., after which the Assistant Auctioneer took charge and an

With the above brief (?) comments, the President extends his greetings to

BUFFALO BRANCH NO. 9 OF THE S. P. A.

At the First meeting of this newly formed branch of the S. P. A. held Nov. until March 1, 1916; President, P. O. Garretson; Vice-president, O. J. Richardson; Secretary-Treasurer, H. E. Klotzbach; Sales Manager and Librarian, E. E. Elster; Trustees, T. Kildahl, H. E. Klotzbach, Walter Watson, Any collector be had by addressing the Secretary, H. E. Klotzbach, Box 862, Buffalo, N. Y.

On hand as per last report, 171 books, catalogue value \$5102.76; received since then 25 books, catalogue value \$382.27, which makes a total of 196 books, catalogue value \$5485.03. Retired 12 books, (from which \$83.55 was exceptions) changed), original vatalogue value \$170.73. Now on hand 184 books, catalogue

INSURANCE FUND .- Amount on hand as per last report, \$6.40, insur-

Members having good duplicates to exchange should write me as soon as

E. T. Wallis, Exch. Mgr., 420 Saks Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

REPORT OF SALES MANAGER, Minneapolis, Minn., 12-4-15. On hand Nov. 5th, 213 books with a net value of \$3137.39. Received since

that date 198 books with a net value of \$2797.73. making a total of 411 books with a total net value of \$5935.12 on hand. Twenty-five circuits are out and sales are encouraging which shows that the books contain many bargains. Have you seen a circuit? If not, drop a card to me today, and I will put you on

Those members having duplicates, etc., to dispose of, should look into the results that can be obtained through the Sales Dept. Don't sacrifice your duplicates or collection at auction or to a dealer, sell them through the Sales Department to collectors at a fair retail price. Remittances are made on account retired yet I have remitted over \$200.00 to members on account of sales from their books. I have more requests for circuits than I have books, so get busy.

J. E. Guest, Sales Manager.

To the members of the Southern Philatelic Association:-Herewith I submit my report as Treasurer of your society for the month of November: Submit my report as Freasurer of your society for the month of Novembers. Cash on hand, Nov. 1, \$270,37; Dues received during November, \$70,95,—Total \$341.32. Discursements—L. T. Brodstone, subscriptions, \$1.00; C. A.F. Webb, Nov. salary, \$11.15; C. V. Webb, Nov. postage, \$20.81; C. V. Webb, Nov. find-dentals, 65c; A. E. Gorham, Nov. postage, \$6.10; Mekcels Weekly, Adv. \$1.20; Erwin L. Fischer, postage, \$2.00—\$42.21, Balanance on hend \$292.81; Got the above balance, \$60.00 is in the hands of the secretary.

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Nebraska State Philatelic Society Convention, taken on top of Omaha's 20-story building, where banquet was held in Commercial Club rooms underneath them.







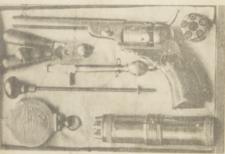


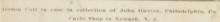














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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:-At this time of the year it is always a pleasure to pause a minute and look forward as well as backward. About a year ago we started our first year of existence with the small number of 17 members. Since then we have gradually increased in numbers until today we number an even sixty. The coming year gives promise of even greater growth. We should and are planning to have 200 enrolled before our next convention which will be held in Omaha again, sometime during the late summer or fall season. But such a thing cannot be accomplished unless every member gets down to work and helps boost. Look up those philatelic friends in your locality and get them to join. Or if you know of none in your locality, get others. Ask the secretary for help if you can not "land" the man yourself. He will be glad to do what he can. But above all. GET HIM.

With the first of the year, the new officers take their offices and the old ones start on another year of duty. Each and every one of them is anxious and waiting to help you all he can. Let them hear from you if you want their help, Especially is this true of the Sales and Exchange departments. Both departments are ready to send our circuits and if you want to receive them, write the managers AT ONCE.

I close with my sincere wish of a very happy and a most prosperous Year for each one of you individually and for the society and all philatelists as a body. Fraternaly yours W. C. Ahlmann, President.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New Member .- 60. A. A. Jones, 109 S. 19th St., Herrin, Ill., 29, Stamp dealer. Ref. A. P. S., S. P. A., N. P. S. Prop. by Brodstone.

The following have been dropped for non-payment of dues: 10. L. H Lederer, Norfolk, Nebr. 12 R. E. Jessup, Clay Center, Nebr. 16. E. N. Smarl Madison, Nehr.

Important Notice:- The official year ends Dec. 31, 1915. Those member who have not already remitted to me, their dues for the year 1916 are urged to do so at once as it will save me sending each one a separate notice. Also save the society postage and other expense. 50c pays to Jan. 1, 1917, or better still send a dollar bill and pay two years. Thank you,

I hope to have a much larger list to report next time. Will you help make it large? Yours for a greater N. S. P. S. Reuben W. Ahlmann, Secretary,

## CONTINUATION OF REPORT OF SOUTHERN PHILATELIC ASS'N. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF EX-SALES-SUPERINTENDENT.

San Aftonio, Texas, December 18, 1915.
To the members of the Southern Phiatelic Association:—Having completed nfinished business in connection with my former position as Sales Super-

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146. Roy Banning, 413 2nd East Ave., Cresco, Iowa. Natural History.

147. Edward B. Brown, 55 Chambers St., New Haven, Conn. Philatelist.

148. Louis J. Deason. Warrenton, Virginia, Lapidist and Gem Expert.

Xmas is over and now for the real work of organization. How many applications can you send out. We have plenty of new blanks for the combined society and would like to have your help. Write us and send your suggestions. Address all letters to C. H. Saint, Waxahachie, Tex.

#### PRICES OF ENCASED POSTAGE STAMPS.

On another page will be found the finish of the list of Encased Stamp Prices. The following Auction Record prices have been made since our last edition was issued and the list will be up to date be attended to

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#### NOTES .- Sent by H. E. Reiseberg of D. C.

Miller Brothers, of the 101 Ranch at Bliss, Oklahoma, have purchased th Rockefeller herd of buffalo at Belvidere, Kansas. The animals will be used in th wild west show.

Dr. Fewks of the Smithsonian Institute has returner to Washington, after having been at the Fryer ranch, near Canadian, Texas, to look over the ruins of the buried city recently discovered. He obtained a skeleton and gained considerable valuable information. In the opinion of Dr. Fewkes this buried city was the annual feast ground for various tribes of Indians.

It has been decided to keep open during 1916, the Panama-California Exposition at San Diego, Cailfornia, and Mayor Capps of San Diego has succeeded in making arrangements for the transfer to that city of the best of the exhibits from San Francisco and some of the best amusement concessions.

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#### INDIAN COLLECTION BRINGS \$3,915.

Chief's and ceremonial fine Bayeta and Navajo Indian mats and blankets at a New York Sale of the Joseph Parker Camp Indian collection brought \$1,975 last night, making a total of \$3,915.2 A large Navajo blanket, 6 feet by 5 feet 4 inches, a red-figured pattern on a dark-striped ground, went to W. R. Hearst for \$35; a chief's blanket, alternating panels of blue and black and zigzag design in colors, went to the same buyer for \$37.50, and for a rare specimen of an antique Bayeta blanket he gave \$28.

I M. Lane paid \$20 for a Navajo blanket striped in subdued tones with square red medallions and \$21 for a ceremonial mat with a colored zigzag pattern of diamond-shaped medallions. A large antique Bayeta blanket, unique in coloring and design, went to R. R. Jordan for \$20 and L. J. Peters paid \$30 for a much worn antique Bayeta, striking in design and color.-A N. Y. Clipping.

# RARE COINS AUCTIONED—Large Sums Paid for Ancient and Scarce Pieces.

William Cowler paid \$115 for the extremely rare Jewish shekel in the coin collection of John E. Burton of Milwaukee, Wis., sold at N. Y. auction. A great many copies of this noted coin are found, but rarely the original. On the obverse is a cup and "Shekel Israel," on the reverse "Aaron's rod budding," triple lily design, "Jerusa'em the Holy" (Shenath Shelosh). The year is 3.

Thomas Bell paid \$116 for the private \$59 gold piece of the octagonal type issued in 1851 by Augustine Humbert, United States assayer, San Francisco. Henry Chapman of Philadelphia gave \$55 for a perfect die of the large United States cent of 1790. It is extremely difficult to get this date in perfect condition. Mr. Chapman also paid \$34 for a broken die of the 1804 cent, reverse with small stain spot. It is a rare coin.

Thomas L. Elder obtained for \$22 a Mexican gold coin with the bust of the Emperor Maximilian to the right. Mr. Chapman gave \$24.25 for a five sovereign piece of 1887, but of Victoria to left; reverse St. George and the dragon.

An English five guinea piece of 1711, but of Queen Anne to left, went to the New York Coin & Stamp company for \$2S. C. E. Milmine gave \$28 for a \$20 gold piece of 1907. Saint-Gaudens' figure of Liberty standing holding torch and brand. James F. Drake paid \$24 for a \$10 coin of 1795, Liberty head to right with flowing hair. On the reverse is a small eagle, the first American eagle standing with open wings on a branch.—Clipping sent by Boers of Detroit.

#### INDIAN RELIC COLLECTIONS.

Lancaster, Pa.—Three of the finest Indian relic collections in this part of he country are those of Darius Eckman, Martin Baldwin and Charles Brooks. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks is at Martinville, Pa. His collection contains early 5,000 pieces. Some of them are extremely rare. They are fine specimens a good state of preservation and splendidly arranged and tabulated.

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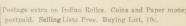




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| 18    | St. Helena 2p yellow, No. 26,  | 57 Victoria 1p dull red No. 1,little                                     |      |
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|       | green, o. g., fine 1.50  | erwise perfection, No. 14  | 1.75 |
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#### EDITORIAL CORNER

We should think dealers would use stamps on their packages which would be of value to their customers; try to secure future business by pleasing them. We recently saw a package sent out by one of the most prominent dealers of the east with over \$1.00 postage, and all two cent stamps. What a chance there was to clinch future business.

Dr. W. I. Mitchell of No. 602 Beacon Bldg., Wichita, Kans., is at present working on a precancel catalogue, which will contain all the different varieties of these interesting stamps and a fair market value. This is the first attempt at anything along this line and is an immense work. The catalogue will contain over 350 pages and will be indispensable to dealers. The book is to be sold at 75 cents and we are sure the Doctor would appreciate your advance order, as the work is undertaken solely for the good of the hobby and not for the profit which may be had in the book.

Mr. Percival D. Perkins of Windsor, Vt., writes that he is securing material for a proposed treatise on the postal history affairs and stamps of the northern South American states and would greatly appreciate any information on the subject which the WEST readers can offer, either loan of specimens or information.

While it is still considerable time until the next Convention of the S.P.A. a movement is gaining headway which has for its slogan "Kansas City, Mo., for the 1917 Convention." The Collectors in this and other western cities are going to work hard to land the meet for that year.

Mr. Frank Greene of Balboa Heights, C. Z., sends us a copy of a letter from the American Consul at San Jose, Costa Rica, regarding the operations of the Oviedo-Sequeira combination who have been swindling various dealers and collectors. This notice should serve as a warning for collectors to be careful in their dealings with this form

At the December meeting of the Wichita Branch of the S. P. A. the collectors of Newton, Kans., were guests and in return for this compliment, the Wichita Branch was invited to Newton on Jan, 14th, and entertained at the home of C. F. Nissen of that city. While not as large as some branches, the enthusiasm is great and some of the members have grand collections.

Entertained Stamp Collectors.—Mr. and Mrs. Nissen entertained last night as their guests the stamp collectors of the Southern Philatelic Society from Wichita, and also the Newton members of the same society. It was an auspicious occasion where the finest stamp collections in the state were displayed and which represented thousands of dollars; and the collectors vied with each other in trying to display some cancelled stamp that the other fellow didn't have, for the collecting of cancelled stamps is both an art and a game of finding some stamp which is hard to get.

Dr. Mitchell of Wichita, displayed a 4c Pan-American exposition stamp that has the automobile upside down on it and to buy a stamp like this would make a hundred dollar bill look like nothing, and then Oliver Moorshead had one of the rare St. Louis bear stamps which he dug out of his grandmother's trunk of old letters and a hundred dollar bill wouldn't begin to buy it. And so on through the various collections displayed was a wonderful display of cancelled stamps of days, kings and nations some of which have long since passed into history, and last but not least Howard Dickey displayed his highly specialized collection of United States stamps which is considered to be the finest in the state and quite valuable. In recognition of his services among the stamp collectors fraternity Mr.Dickey has held state office of vice president of Southern Philatelic Society for several years. The collectors yoted that Mr. and Mrs. Nissen are unsurpassed as delightful hosts.

The Wichita collectors included Nr. W. I. Mitcehll, Frank Hayworth, C. H. Seward, Ralph Edgar, Albert Weaver, C. J. Jones and Mr. Sauter. The Newton collectors included Walter Trousdale, Carl Hay, C. M. Glover, Oliver Moorshead, Howard Dickey, Tom Burman and John Quilty.

ERRATTA—In the page ad of the Toledo Stamp Co., the "5 different stamps free" should read 75. Fred Andrus, Elkton, Ore.—is 125 instead of 135 yar. for 25c. W. H. Robinson of Australia, in last month's ad, should be \$25,000.00 stock, not \$25.00.

#### OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

A. A. Jones of Herrin, Ill., has been a dealer in stamps for a little over two years. He is a member of all the leading stamp societies. He has contracted for an ad with the WEST and wishes all readers of the WEST to look up his bargains. He is making a specialty of one cent approvals at present but has some better stamps for the more advanced collector. He believes the saying, "Nevermind your competitor—study the man under your own hat," and also this from Gladstone: "Nothing except the mint can make money without adverting."

J. Zaini of New York sends a photo of an unknown Mexican, the rarest of all revenue stamps, or the "Post Office Mauritius" stamp of the revenue field.

Harry L. George writes that the photographs were taken for the use of the National Museum at Washington, D. C. The specimens represented by these photographs in connection with others of like character are being studied so that a description of the same can appear in one of the works which the government in process of time will issue. These three specimens, one of which is a War Bundle, and the other what are known as Life Sticks, are attracting a great deal of attention at this time, and as they are limited in number, the possibilities are that all of them, that are to be had in this and foreign countries, will be brought before the notice of the Government Officials, and in time, a description of the same published.

The picture of Chief Howling Wolf, a noted Cheyenne Indian, in this issue of WEST is from a water color painting made by C. A. Seward, the well known artist of Wichita, Kans., et a big Cheyenne gathering near Fonda, Okla, over two years ago. The old warrior would not allow Mr. Seward to take a photo, but told him he could "write" his picture if he wanted to. Although 70 years or more of age, he posed in this position, without interruption, for an hour.

Bookplates are the latest additions in The WEST. These shown are by a young western artist who was, however, born and brought up in Boston, Hartley Anderson of Sloux Falls, South Pakota. Although only twenty-six, his bookplates are being called for from all parts of the country, and contrary to general belief, his success is not turning his head. He thinks that every person owning a dozen books should also own a bookplate, not only to protect the books from borrowing friends, but to add to his enjoyment in the use of them. The use of bookplates is becoming worldwide. Bookplates came into being with the first books, and they have grown in popular interest almost as fast as books themselves. A recent book of "American College Bookplates" published by the Champlin Press of Columbus, Ohio, shows one of Mr. Anderson's latest plates, as well as one by Mrs. Anderson, who is also an artist. Last month's WEST cover was designed by him.

Mrs. Essic Rock Dale's late and popular song, "I Want to Live in Kansas" breathes the spirit of the state and carries to the hearer the virility of their life and has the freshness and wholesomeness of Kansas in every word. In it you hear the sighing of the prairie wind, you feel the vigor of the harshness of prairie life and its stimulation of the mind and soul. It has a rhythm and a swing that is attractive and refreshing. In it is a glimpse of the strength of Kansas manhood and the purity of Kansas womanhood. Mrs. Dale is a native Kansan, having been born in Jewell county, one that borders the Nebraska county where the WEST is published. She is a former teacher and leader in so-sial, club, lodge and up-lift work in her city. She obtained her education at the State Normal at Emporia, and has lived her life largely in the bounds of the state. Next WEST will illustrate another Kansas lady writer.

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SASE NOTE: Members are urged to look over the applicant list each month carefully and if any undesirables are in it. report same at once to Secretary Webb. Members and applicants of this Association who receive unsolicited same by express "COLLECT" and send name of firm to Secretary. Often in giving credit to proposers of applications, said credit is not given until the following month in the summary of recruiting work, because the application of the control of the c

to express my appreciation for the numerous cards received with well wishes for 1916, likewise the numerous little presents and souvenirs. It was all appreciated by me, and I am at a loss to know how I can suitably repay these kindnesses.

I also want to express the hope that 1916 will far exceed in membership at the time of the Washington Convention, than what we had when we met in Reading, and also that the efforts now being put forth by so many of our Branch Societies will surely have a tendency to bring about these results.

The closing of the Year Book by the committee of which Mr. Lang, P. O. Box 476, Philadelphia, Pa., has been a guiding hand so far as advertisements are concerned. has not been what we have been expecting but regardless of all that the book has gone to press an we feel that this Year Book will be a credit

to the Committee and to the Society.

At this time I also wish to bring mention to the very able report rendered by Charles Roemer, as you have no doubt seen it published in the January WEST, and while he is no longer officially connected with this Association, his deeds in the past have made his name in our Society one that will never be forgotten. We hope that in his new field of work he will be as successful as he was with the Southern.

Again I urge each and every member and the officers in particular to do the the test to get the material such that will make the Society larger and greater than ever.

With my very best wishes, I am, Fraternally, C. W. Kissinger, Pres.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT APPLICATIONS

1974. Charles Richard Jones, Dept. of Agri., Regina, Sask., Can. Legal, statistician. H. M. Ingram.

2061. G. Burnley Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. Legal, Clerk. L. T. Brodstone.

2062. Joseph Trauner, Farm Road, Secaucus, N. J. 36, Stamp Dealer. Wm. Lycett.

2063. Chas. F. Osburn, Monson, Mass. 27, P. O. Clerk. C. V. Webb.

2064. J. C. Auf der Heide, S. H. D., "Rustoord," Hilversum, Holland. 37,Stamp Dealer. C. V. Webb. 2065. A. F. Bischof, 36 Bradford St., Springfield, Mass. 27, Merchant. Webb.

2066. A. Shircliffe, 1112 Seton Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. 37, Supt., Dining Car

Service, R. R. E. T. Wallis.

- 2067. F. F. Graves, 21 Morill Ave., Waterville, Maine. 68, Bee Specialist. Walter M. Gould.
- 2068. D. H. Chisholm, Port Hope, Ont., Can. 48, Barrister. A. T. Gorham.
- 2069. B. H. Burrell, care U. S. Office of Public Roads, U. S. Dept. Agri., Washington, D C. 43, Civil Engineer. C. V. Webb.
- 2070. J. A. Calder, 2174 McIntyre St., Regina, Sask.. Can. 47, Minister of Railways. E. Androchowicz.
- 2071. Albert F. Miller, 3388 19 St., San Francisco, Cal. Stamp Dealer. Webb. 2072. Fred C. Seeba, 3903 Ruby St., Oakland, Cal. 40, Electrical Contractor,
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  2078. Walace K. Austin, Y. M. C. A., El Paso, Texas. 24, Railway Postal
- Clerk. L. T. Brodstone. 2074. M. H. Peckham, 1007 Rudolph Place, Utica, N. Y. 33, Railway Mail Clerk. C. S. Hibbard.
- 2075. James A. Yunker, 649 S. Jackson St., Louisville, Ky. 26, Newspaper Editor, H. R. Hendricks.
- 2076. Roy Downing, Parkers Prairie, Minn. 25, Farmer. C. V. Webb.

- 2077. Wm. Reiff, 366 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, Mass. 36, Consulting Entomologist. Dr. W. G. Watt.
- 2078. Chas. W. Parker, 77 Kensington Heights, Meriden, Conn. 35, Advance Agent and Stamp Dealer. C. W. Kissinger.
- 2079. Miguel Gener, Calle 10 No. 1, Vedado, Havana, Cuba. 26, In Justice Department. L. J. Ragatz.
- 2080 G. David Gustafson, Box 89, R. 3, Rush City, Minn. 24, Farmer. W. H.
- 2081. Louis P. Lord. 493 Summit Ave., Hackensack, N. J. 46, Life Insurance. H. F. Hovey.
- 2082 Donald T. Graves, 941 Main St., East Aurora, N. Y. 20, Plumber. Webb. 2083. J. A. Goldsmith, 3411 Smart Ave., Kansas City. Mo. 19, Bookkeeper.
- 2084. Chas. E. Williams, Palmyra, Wisc. 40, Atty-at-law. V. W. Rotnem.
- 2085. Emil Meyer, 1510 George St., Chicago, Ill. 41, Salesman. Brodstone.
- 2086. Max Golding, 2823 Elston Ave., Chicago, Ill. 39, Gen. Supt. E. T. Wallis. 2087. Henry B. Evans, 1705 Stevens Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. 33, Food and
- Drug Inspector, J. E. Guest.
- 2088. Freeman W. Smith, 156 Franklin Ave., Redlands, Cal. 50, Retired. 2089. Egbert Bacon, 112 Spruce St., Sault Ste, Marie, Mich. 15, Student.
- 2099. Egbert Bacon, 112 Spruce St., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. 15, Student. 2090. Jefferson Jones, 901 Colorado Bldg.. Washington, D. C. Legal, Correspon-
- 2091. Chas. T. Smith, 414 Washington Loan and Trust Bldg., Washington. D.C. 56, Mgr. A. E. Gorham.
- 2092. Koble Curtice, Vienna, Va. 25, Parasitologist, A. E. Gorham.
- 2093. Chas. W. Burnham, U. S. Fish Hatchery, Louisville, Ky. 42, Supt. T. Russell Hungerford.
- 2094. Thomas Miller, 3213 Ga. Ave.N. W., Washington, D. C. 27, Physician. W. P. Colman.
- 2095. Walter E. Taylor, 799 Albany Ave., Hartford, Conn. 26, Ins. Clerk. L. T. 2096. F. Percy Colingwood, 57 Elizabeth St., Attleboro, Mass. 29, Mfg. Jew-
- 2097. W. Ed Neifing, 3810 Page, St. Louis, Mo. 60, Traveler, Brodstone.
- 2098. Emile Bonin, 126 West 100 St., N. Y. City. 30, Stamp Dealer. Harry E. Klotzhach
- 2099. John W. Haarer, 213 West St. Joseph St., Lansing, Mich. 39. Cashier
- 2100. Arthur L. Stern, 687 Market St., San Francisco, Cal. 31, Stamp Dealer.
- 2101. R. Earl Sprankle, 464 Lafayette Rd., Medina, O. 25, Contractor. S. H. Brainard.
- 2102. Frank V. Newell, 1544 Birchwood Ave., Chicago, Ill. 49, Architect. Herbert Klein.
- 2103. John McKittuck. 4943 Berlin Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 13, Student. Herbert Klein.
- 2104. Albert D. Kraus, 340 Dodge St., Buffalo, N. Y. 46, Letter Carrier. Harry
- 2105. Charles E. Rogers, 22 Broadway, Orange, Mass. 33, Stock-keeper. H. F. Christensen.
- 2106. Ray E. Sprankle, 358 Baxter St., Medina, O. 23, Carpenter. S. H. Brainard.
- 2107. Thomas D. Bond, Box 763, Haverhill, Mass. 29, Power Agent. J.E.Guest.
- 2108. Harry W. Keyerleber, 1270 Cove Ave., Lakewood, O. 33, Salesman. W. H. Kinard.

- 2109. Edward A. Chute, 296 West Walnut St., Pasadena, Cal. 34. Police Officer. L. E. Anselme.
- 2110. George S. Carr, 1545 Grove St., San Diego, Cal. 39, Pres. D. Loebenstein 2111. H. M. Hudson, 2130 Regent, Berkeley, Cal. 48, A countant, O. G.
- 2112. T. F. Mackey, Box 836, Portland, Oregon. 61, Evangelist. C. V. Webb.
- 2113. Jno. N. Wolfe, Box 1244, Helena, Mont. 43, Personal Propr. Agency.
- 1114. S. J. Farmer, 479 Crang St., Winnipeg, Man., Canada. 37, Bookkeeper.
- 2115. Pierre R. Drolet, 224 Ethel St., Verdun, P. Q., Canada. 28, Civil Em-
- 2116. Homer C. Crowl, 1300 St. Elmo Ave., N. E., Canton, Ohio. 41, Druggist, H. R. Hendricks.
- 2117. Peter Wislander, Cambridge, Ill. 38, Farmer. V. W. Rotnem.
- 2118. Orel D. Challens, Box 346, Watervliet, Mich. 30, Merchant. J. E. Guest.
- 2119. Edward J. Bradley, 537 Greene Ave., St. Henry, Montreal, Canada. 30, Bookkeeper. J. E. Guest.
- 2120. Robert P. Beck, 4372 Carpenter Ave., N. Y. City., 57, Policeman. Guest.
- 2121. Joseph G. Wiggins, 302 East Charlton St., Savannah, Ga. 24, Clerk.
- 2122. Harold G. Kloepler, 10801 Greenlawn Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. 17, Student.
- 2123. M. H. Hoover, Lockport, N. Y. 50, Writer and Farmer. J. E. Guest.
- 2124. H. W. Kline, 1514 E. 4 St., Duluth, Minn. 29, Asst. Mgr. J. E. Guest. 2125. W. Geo. Smith, "Wynella," Hume St., Toowoomba, Queensland, Aus
  - tralia. 25, Draper. C. P. Sutton.
- 2126. Jno. P. Kasper, 4466 Denison Ave., Cleveland, O. 38, Reporter Bradstreet
- 2127. Richard M. Loewenstein, 4556 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, Ill. 12, Student, 2128. F. L. Thrasher, Macedon, N. Y. 18, Student, L. T. Brodstone.
- 2128. F. L. Thrasher, Macedon, N. Y. 18, Student. L. T. Brodstone.
  2129. J. Earl Hickman, 119 South 5th St., Reading, Pa. 28, Architect, Kissinger,
- 2130. Frederick R. Cornwall, 801 Chemical Bld., St. Louis, Mo. 44, Lawyer. R. H. Eilers.
- 2131. Rusk Peacock, 24 Highfield Ave., Golder's Green. London, N. W., England. 41. Bank Accountant. F. R. Hayworth.
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   Chas. Wilson, 218 Park St., Hutchinson, Kans. 51, Stamp Dealer, Rotnem.
- 2133. Charles B. Waite, 1st San Juan de Letran, No. 5, Mexico City, Mexico. 54. Photographer. L. T. Brodstone.
- 2134. John T. Johnston, San Blas, Fla. 45. Contractor. V. W. Rotnem.
- 2135. Max Borowsky, 1493 Commonwealth Ave., Bronx, N. Y. City. 34, Engrayer, V. W. Rotnem.
- 2136. M. Garcia, 15 Woodland Ave., Dayton, Ohio. 36, Translator. C. V. Webb.
- 2137. Wayne A. Scramlin, Climax, Mich. 23, Farmer. C. V. Webb.

  APPLICATIONS FOR RE-INSTATEMENT.
- 938. Holt, Ira C., 727 Ferry Park Ave., Detroit, Mich. 36, Clerk. J. E. Guest.
- 945. Otto Haker, 48 Wychwood Ave., Toronto, Ont., Can. 26, Clerk. Guest. 360, John Wm. LeCocq, 362 Exchange St., New Taven, Conn. 45, Salvation
  - 360. John Wm. LeCocq, 362 Exchange St., New Taven, Conn. 45, Salvation Army Officer. C. V. Webb.
- L. J. Flerlage, 4229 Franklin Ave., Norwood, Ohio. 35,R.R.Clerk. Fischer RESIGNED.—605.
   G. W. Schreiber. 1239.
   J. P. Crawford. 1315. Donald Cunningham. 1354.
   G. M. Sewell.
- CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Joseph R. Thomas, Box 666, Gainesville, Fla. Kenneth Lewis, 121 Main St. Ossining, N. Y. Chas. Kirkland, 525 Camden Ave., Canton, O. Clemens O. Mueller, 2064 N. Alabama St., Indianapolis, Ind. J. D. Norton, Jr. Bartlesville, Okla.

The Standing: C. V. Webb, 56; L. T. Brodstone, 32; C. W. Kissinger, 15;

Albert E. Gorham, 13; J. E. Guest, 12; H. E. Klotzbach, 10; H. R. Hendricks, 8; L. B. Farvour; V. W. Rotnem, E. Androchowicz and Jerome G. Wolf, 6 each; Wm. Lycett and Burt McCann, 5 each; A. A. Jones, B. P. Allen, L. J. Ragatz and E. T. Wallis, 4 each; L. M. Lang, Chas. W. Ritchie, H. A. Bernard, O. G. Beardslee and Herbert Klein, 3 each; the following, 2 each; E. P. Seebohm, S. H. Barnes, P. M. Lawrence, J. J. Zamora, M. Ohlman, H. C. Burns, Silas Weatherby, M. R. Houdlette, R. W. Ahlmann, Justin Miller, J. R. Fish, T. Russell Hungerford, W. P. Colman, S. H. Brainard, H. F. Christensen, W. H. Kinard and Erwin L. Fischer.

Dear Members:—My reports should be carefully watched and if any undesirables slip into the applicant list—please notify me at once. Those not admitted are reported in this column. 1822 has been admitted, while various of those in both of the last WESTS are still pending. Further information next

month. With best wishes to all members, I am,

Very truly yours, C. V. Webb, Secretary.

#### REPORT OF SALES MANAGER, Jan. 5, 1916.

On hand December 4th, 411 books with a net value of \$5935.12. Received since that date 122 books with a net value of \$3195.64, making a total on hand this date of 603 books with a net value of \$919.0.6. Practically all these books are in circulaton and judging from the sales being made they must contain many bargains. Are you taking advantage of this opportunity to secure stamps for your collection at a low cost? Let me know if you would like to see a circuit. Members who are dealers and members having duplicates and collections to dispose of can find no better way than entering them in the department Don't sacrifice them at auction or to a dealer, sell them to collectors at fair retal prices. Remember cash remittances are made on account as often as sales warrant. You do not have to wait for your money. No books have been retired as yet, but over \$250.00 has been paid to the members on account of sales. Come on, get in on this.

J. E. Guest, Sales Manager.

To the Members of the Southern Philatelic Association:—Herewith I beg to submit my report as Treasurer of your society up to Dec. 31st. 1915:

Cash balance on hand as per Dec. 1st report, \$298.42; Dues, Fees, West Subs., etc., received in Dec., \$88.80; Ins. Fund of Sales Dept. from Mr. Roemer,

\$306.25.-Total, \$693.46

Distursements:—Chas. Sylvester Lewis, 200 env. sips, \$2.50; J. W. Stowell Co., 10.000 appl. blanks, \$19.00; Chas. S. Lewis, Gorham Lt. hós. & Env., \$3.00; C. V. Webb, Printing, \$5.06; C. V. Webb, Incidentals, \$1.65; C. V. Webb, Part Dec. Postage, \$5.76; H. E. Klotzbach, 2500 Env., Webb & Gorham, \$5.00; L. T. Brodstone, Subscriptions, \$6.25; C. W. Kissinger, refund on 2 subs., 50e; C. W. Kissinger, Wallis bond prem., \$6.27; C. V. Webb, Dues for C. W. K. & Gorham, as members of A. D. S. A., \$4.00; E. T. Wallis, ref. for ins. premium paid by him. \$3.11; C. V. Webb, Dec. salary, \$8.23; C. V. Webb, Dec. Postage, \$13.20; C. V. Webb, Adv. Ptg. & Incid., \$2.25; A. E. Gorham, Postage 50 Applicants, \$5.00; Mekeel's Weekly, Dec. Adv., \$1.80—\$93.63. January 1st, 1916, Balance, \$599.88. Of this balance, \$50.00 is in the hands of the secretary and \$343.52 belongs to the Insurance Fund.

Erwin L. Fischer. Treasurer.

THE UNITED STATES TWO CENT POSTAGE STAMP OF THE FIRST DESIGN OF THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING.

Paper read by Mr. H. Hemmelman before Washington, D. C., Philatelic Society.

to collect than the stamps of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and among these the design of the two cent stamp of 1894 has the distinction of having the first plate engraved with the imprint and plate number 1.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing started in a small way in the Treasury Building early in the '60's, and in 1880 occupied a building of its own which was three times enlarged after its original occupancy. In 1915 it moved into a still larger and grander building within a few feet from its former locaof the Washington Monument.

The main work of this establishment, which is one of the 'arrest manufacturing establishments in the world and under control of the United States Treasury Department, is the manufacture of the notes issued by the government and by the national banks of the country. It also makes the internal officers of the United States throughout the country-in fact everything that is defined by law to be an obligation or security of the United States. As its main product is coveted by everyone, its principal aim is to prevent an easy the processes of engraving and printing that are most difficult to imitate. It secures the most talented engravers, at the highest compensation, and the most skilled printers obtainable.

It may be of some interest to note the engraving in the different stages of construction, and the treatment of the paper for the stamps issued by the Bureau. When it is determined to issue a new set of stamps, the matter is discussed by the officials of the Post Office Department and the Treasury Department, and the conclusions reached are embedied in a model made by a trained designer which is submitted for the criticisms of the officers who discussed the matter in the first place. The model is then modified in accordance with their criticisms.

The approvel design is placed in the hands of the engravers for the execution of the respective lines of work-that is, vignettos, titles, and ornamental work. When the engravers have finished their work, it is assembled upon a flat piece of steel, slightly larger than the stamp when seen in circulation, by the transfer process.

The stamp is reproduced in intaglio on a softened steel plate four hundred times, twenty rows of twenty stamps each.

The paper upon which the impressions are printed is distinctive and can only be obtained upon a requisition setting forth the class, denomination, and value of the security to be printed thereon and is charged at the full face value which can be so printed.

(To be Continued)

#### MONTHLY NOTES ON FISCALS .- By Joseph C. Zanini, New York City.

#### UNITED STATES

A recent discovery of a hereto unknown U. S. revenue counterfeit was found by a local collector. It is the 1 cent green Proprietary stamp of 1875 issue (No. 2983). It is very cleverly made and would deceive the uninitiated easily.

The State of Pensylvania now comes forward with a new issue of state revenues. Since the first of the year all transfers of stock a re now taxed 2c a share of a par vaule of \$100. The new stamps are of the following denominations: 2c, 4c, 10c, 20c, 50c, \$1, \$2, \$10, \$20. The stamps are inscribed "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Stock Transfer Tax" and overprinted in a fugitive ink: "State Printery" with the value. The cent values are perpendicular while the dollar values are horizontal in shape. The stamps are watermarked: "Auditor General of the Commonwealth.of Pennsylvania."

A new issue of stock transfer stamps for the state-of New York is promised early in April as per notices now attached to the transfer tickets.

Dealers in tobacco are now taxed as follows: Those whose sales do not exceed fifty thousand pounds, pay \$6; from fifty to one hundred thousand pounds, pay \$12;and those whose sales exceed one hundred thousand pounds,\$24

Manufacturers of tolacco whose annual sales do not exceed one hundred thousand pounds pay \$6 each; from one hundred thousand to two hundred thousand pounds, \$12 each; over two hundred thousand pounds to four hundred thousand pounds, \$24 each; four hundred thousand to one million pounds, \$60 each; one million to five million pounds, \$30 each; five million to 10 million pounds pay each \$600; ten million to twenty million pounds, \$1200 each; and those whose sales exceed twenty million pounds each pay \$2496.

#### FOREIGN REVENUES

The talk of New York among the "fiscal bugs" is the unearthing of a heretofore unknown and unlisted adhesive Mexican revenue of the State of San
Luis Potosi. The stamp was discovered in an old collection of Mexican revenues
and after duly submitting same to the greatest specialist on Mexican revenues
Dr. L. M. Homburger of New York City. He pronounced it absolutely genuine
and unique. The stamp measures 102mmx/78mm.; color is red; paper pelure;
cancelled 6cd 1870. From its inscriptions (see illustration of same elsewhere)
may be gleaned that it was issued at Tampico, one of the principal scaport
railroad terminal cities of Mexico, as a tax on freight carried in "Iron Garriages" (railroad cars) of the State of San Luis Potosi. The stamp is bound
to be the great rarity of fiscal collecting, being the only one of its kind in
evisitance.

All mail from New Zealand now bears a war tax stamp of the value of ½d.
Argentine furnishes us this month a number of stamps that Forbin's does
not list, which do however repose in the writer's collection as follows: Documents, 1878 issue at less 10 peos error in value spealt 10 peos; Impuesto Sanitario, 5c blue on light yellow green paper! Cigarettes, issue 1896, ic, 3c, 5c, on yellow paper; issue 1897, i.e, 8c, 5c, 6c, 7c, on yellow paper; Cerveza, 2c rose issued in 1910; Timbre Patriotica 5c blue showing the national coat of Argentine as central portion of the design; Impuetos Internos issue of 1907, 4c black, 5c blue; Tobacco, 10c rose 20c rose; Naipes, 3½ peoso red. Province of Buenos

Aires, Effets de Commerce issue of 1869, stamp inscribed 00 pesos first value of number being missing; Testaments, issue 1894 1 peso light brown; Fiscal de Bentas issue 1897, 50c red imperf, vertical pair; Intenencia Municipal, 1c black on blue. Province of San Juan. Impot Sur Le Mont Et Le Vin, \$3.00 rose on very thick paper. Province of Santa Fe Alimentacion 1c black on rose, 2c blue on light green.

#### FOREIGN REVENUE NOTES.

#### By Oscar T. Hartmann.

In a little bunch of U. S. permits I picked out the following permits, which may interest the collector of the same. 1c of Halowell, Maine; 2 in purple surcharged on 1c Jersey City, N. J., Permit No. 1; 4c N. Y. Permit 1536; 7c FortWorth, Permit No. 17, and of the same place 23c Permit No. 44, which value should prove quite an odd one.

A block of 10 one cent, 1876, Mexico Cont. Fed. Punched and number on back with cancellation also no back. Quite an interesting piece.

Permit No. 69 is used in Denver by the Barnes Commercial School. Another interesting piece is Permit 840 N. Y. City stamped with a precancelled New York, N. Y., and finally cancelled with regular machine cancellation.

Lately I have seen a new style of cancellation, somewhat similar to the Belgian precancells used on packages coming from N. Y. City.

Let us see now, what Germany can offer in common revenue stamp. The principal division would be those of the Empire and those of the diff. kingdoms, etc. Of the 840 stamp\* of the Empire for various purposes, about half are easy to receive. The rest are not so easy. Possibly the Consular and the higher values of the tax on commercial bands or speculation offer values which are scarce. Of the state issues you most meet those of Saxony, Bavaria, Prussia, Bremen. Some of the smaller principalities, like Anhalt, Oldenburg, Altenburg, Gotha, Lippe, etc., are not often received in larger quantities. The collecting of revenues is quite large in Germany, and maybe the cause that good many values are absorbed in collection or held for exchange or speculation.

France on the other hand, with its 415 stamps, outside the Colonies, has an abundance of cheap values, but the similarity of its issues makes it difficult to get along without the catalog, besides there are a good many surcharges and errors. Many of the surcharges are quite rare, occasioned by the war of 1870. Of the documentary stamps 1874 and 1879, or 1876 and 1880 are almost alike, except that tax rate per 1000 fr. is different, which is indicated on the stamp. The errors are caused principally by misplaced numerals in the tax values. French Colonial revenues are not often met with.

Do not forget to send me news on foreign revenues. It will be published and due credit given to the sender.



ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO CHECK LIST OF PARCEL POST PRECANCELS.—Dr. W. I. Mitchell, Wichita, Kans.

(Continued from last issue.)

Lincoln, Neb. 15c double.

Lynchburg, Va. Oval office stamp. 1c.

Mer Rouge, La. Many varieties, of doubtful authenticity.

Miles City, Mont. 10c.

Minneapolis, iMnn. Type I. 4c inverted. Type II. 10c double.

Dues. Type I. 1, 2, 5c inverted. Type II. 10c inverted. Type III. Smaller lettering than Type I. 1c normal.

Mobile, Ala. Same type as 1st regular issue (Like Sedalia, Mo.) 1c, 5c, 10c normal.

Montclair, N. J. Roller type. 15c inverted. 20c normal

Montnelier Vt. Name between hars, 10c normal.

Nelsonville, Ohio Set 1c to 25c and Dues are fake

Newark, N. J. 20c normal, 20c diagonally up.

Newcastle Pa Rolely type 1c Due normal

Newcastle, Pa. Roleir type. Ic Due normal.

New London, Conn. Type I. 5c normal. Type II. Roller type. Ic to 75c exist if same type as the regular issue of Xmas 1914, but were not issued to the public, but printed by favor.

New Orleans, La. Type H. Three line inscription in small capitals between bars: 3c, 20c normal.

New York, N. Y. 25c double and double inverted in Type I, showing both types of "R". Also inverted. Type II. Roller type: 50c, 75c.

North Adams, Mass. Type I. 75c normal.

North Kansas City, Mo. Type of reg. issue: 15c normal.

Ogilvie, Minn. Entire lot are fakes.

Olympia, Wash. Type of regular issue: 1c, 2c, 25c normal.

Paducah, Ky. Type II. One line inscription: 5c normal.

Phillipsburg, Pa. Two line inscription between bars. 25c normal.

Philadelphia, Pa. Type III. All values exist with and without period.

Putnam, Conn. Type of regular issue: 15c, 20c normal.

Reno, Nev. Type of regular issue: 5c reading up.

Saginaw, Mich. Roller type (Smiths types III and IV) 2c, 3c, 5c normal & inverted.

San Antonio, Texas. Type II: San Antonio—Texas, with wide bar between: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15c normal.

Seattle, Wash. Type II. 5c normal. Type II. 5c reading up. Type IV. 15c. Lines horizontal: 25c. Type V. Cancelled with handstamp, used by Sears-Roebuck: 5c, 10c, 15c normal.

South Rethlehem, Pa. 20c normal.

Topeka, Kans. 4c normal.

Westerly, R. I. Type I: 20c normal. Type II: 10c normal. Wilmington, Del. Large capitals between bars: 4c normal. Yorkville, So. Carolina. Name between bars: 5c normal.

Xenia, Ohio, Large capitals between lines, 15c normal,

Zion City, Ill. Type II. Same type as current regular issue: 20c normal.

East Syracuse, N. Y. Type of regular current issue: 25c normal. Just saw this in the collection of Mr. Clyde King, Coffevville, Kans,

This completes the additions and corrections to the original list, and I would be greatly obliged for any further additions or corrections before the mss, is sent to the printer to be printed in pamphlet form, with each stamp priced. The completed catalogue will be sold for 50c.

The Forgeries of the Surcharge of Spanish Morrocco. Copied from Madrid (Spain) Philatelist of Oct. 1915. Translated by



#### ORIGINAL

### COUNTERFEIT.

"It is the purpose of the Publisher to publish promptly the counterfeiting of these stamps and to show to the workman the imperfections of his work, also the philatelists in genera! the differences between the original and the conuterfeit surcharve

The execution is poor, the counterfeit measures a little under the original. You will note the differences in the letters in the word Marruecos in the cuts that are with this article.

M-The inside down stroke of the M is parallel, in the false, itbends out. A-In the original the letter is nearly square at the top; in the false, the topis irregular.

RR-The letters are the same in both false and original.

U-In the original this letter is broad at the top; in the false it is much

E-In the original the back line curves slightly; in the false, the line is very straight.

C-The letter ends in a point in the original; in the false, the end is circular and the out ine very fine.

O-The original there is little space of separation in the top; in the falsethe letter is completely round and the design equal.

S-This letter is easiest of all to tell. In the original it looks like a 5; in the false a true letter S and is not paralel with the balance of letters of word.

In the original the color of the ink is a brilliant blue; in the false the color is a dull blue.

#### FOREIGN REVIEW .- By Robert C. Edgar, Wichita, Kansas.

Who's Who in Philately, published by The Philatelic Circular, 42 Fieldhouse Road, Balham, London, S. W. price 1 shilling (24c) for 1915 contains the name and address of over 1000 prominent collectors, mostly in England and Colonies.

The Spanish Philatelist, published in Barcelona, Spain, for October, contains a long article on the stamps of Spanish Guinea, with their chronicle of new issues and another 8 pages in the center of the paper of their catalog of Spanish stamps mentioned last month, composes this issue.

Revista of the Argentine Philatelic Society is a very nice paper, being published semi-monthly, Sept. and Oct. numbers just received. This paper is owned and published by the society and is a work of art, the first issue appearing November. 1887, which makes the apper now 28 years old. The principal articles are a continuation of History of Stamps of Argentine as mentioned in December WEST.

The Madrid Philatelist for November, 1915.—The principal article is a write-up of International Philatelic Association, its officers, by-laws, etc. Its London letter and chronicle of New Issues, complete this issue. This paper has been printed for the last 18 years.

The Stamp Journal of Sydney, Australia, for Dec. 10, 1915, among other items is a story copied from "Punch" of London, Eng. This is intended to be a hum to the class of the late Mark Twain, or Bill Nye. The heroine's name is Enilia Watermark, one of the pupils of her eyes is badly centered, and a shading of her neck shows a watermark. The principal bone of contention is a very valuable 1896 Seebeck issue of Salvador unused.

The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly of date Dec. 4. 1915, contains a long article on King Edward's 6 pence Somerset House printing. Anyone interested in the minor varieties of this stamp will find this article very complete. Under the heading of "Under Which Flag," Phillip von Ferrary, of Paris, has enjoyed the distinction for many years of being the greatest Philatelist in the World, (some 2 or 3 years ago Mr. C. H. Mekeel in his Philatelic Journal of America, took exception to this statement, stating that he was an accumulating collector, getting all the good things he could into his possession, then burying them from all philatelic eyes, or words to that effect. Mr. Mekeel ought to know for he has sold Mr. Ferrary many rare stamps, including St. Louis Bears, Confederate Provisionals, etc.) It seems that many years ago Mr. Ferrary wrote a series of letters for publication in a German paper, lamenting he was not born a German, told how his boyish heart beat high for Germany when they took Schleswig-Holstein from Denmark. . . . . For Germany my youthful heart rejoiced, when the German Empire shone forth in all its triumphant glory, and a whole lot more. This goes to show how no matter how great they get, they can make mistakes same as common people, for example look at the experience a certain auto manufacturer has just had. You see, Mr. Ferrary is a Frenchman, and his old letters to the German philatelic press of many years ago are now being sprung on him.

Stamp Collecting of London, Eng., is a weekly of nice appearance. In the following appears: "The collection of U. S. stamps of the late Earl of Crawford, has been-purchased by Mr. J. A. Klemann of New York, for a sum not divulged. The collection cost the late Earl approximately £40,000 and comprises 54000 stamps, among them being many original engraved proofs, samples and rejected designs. The stamps are contained in 57 volumes and 7 portfolios and they form a complete history of the stamps of the United States, with all the circumstances leading up to their issue and connected with their use." We are glad to see this best collection of U. S. A. get back to America where they belong and it is our hope the collection will not be broken up. In the issue of Dec. 4 is the following squib, that has a smile in it:

William Stamp Company:—After fifteen years at the old address in Lead enhall Street, it must have been scmewhat of a wrench to leave, but the lease was sold, and Mr. Hebblethwaite (the manager) was obliged to move, and can now be found at 180 Bishopsgate, where we found him amidst the chaos of wholesale lots, telephone wires, tea and customers! No doubt all is straight now, and in fact everything must be in the future, at all events, for—it is next door to the police station!

The Philatelic Circular for Dec. 1, 1915, has an article on recent counterfeits of French Colonies Port Said 2 Franco with also counterfeit cancellation is clearly illustrated.

The Stamp Collectors Quarterly for Jan.-March, 1916, is a real stamp pener, it is by far the best paper the writer has ever seen that was printed in London. The paper is of good quality, the cuts fine and the reading matter good. An article entitled Early Philatelic Literature, the Quarterly Review of 1850 stated "A postage stamp is a new coin of the realm expressly devised for the prepayment of letters, and said an Irishman describing it to his mate—"The only difference I can see between it and a donkey is that one you lick with a stick and the other you stick with a lick." The article also states there were 1200 different stamps issued by 132 countries or towns.

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From Denmark comes the news that the war has made it necessary for that country to issue a postage stamp of 80 ores denomination. The design will be similar to the stamps in use now. Until the new stamp can be gotten out, the common 12 Ores postage stamp and 8 Ores official stamp have been surcharged 80 and are on sale for immediate usc.—M. Sorenson.



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# ACROSS THE POND



PHILATELY IN EUROPE.—Exclusive Correspondence of Philatelic West.

The French standard catalog has just appeared in its edition for 1916. Only those who have had some experience of the mass of detail which goes to the making of a careful chronicle of the 50,600 or 60,000 of the known postage stamps can appreciate the difficulties which have beset the French cataloguer in war time. Not many months ago his town of Amiens was in occupation by the enemy, and many of his fellow citizens were taken as hostages. But the famous Yvert et Tellier "Catalogue de Timbres Poste" is as good as ever in its twentieth edition, and is a closely set, thick volume of over 900 pages.

The catalog comprises all the new stamps of the war, and it is interesting to note that the publishers' views on the inclusion of "enemy" stamps coincide with those maintained by Fred J. Melville, one of the leading stamp authorities in Great Britain. The Frenchmen consider it their duty as chroniclers of the world's postage stamps to list all, but as patriots they do not price or offer for sale any which have originated in enemy eguntries since the outbreak of war. It is saily since August of the present year that the French passed a law prohibiting the importation and sale of enemy stamps. The enemy issues since the war are not likely to prove so scarce as the Eritish and French provisional issues, and these latter in many cases cannot be priced, as the controllers of this catalog. M Yvert et Tellier, of Amiens, and M. Theodore Champion, of Paris, although they have secured stock of many of the varieties, can scarcely set a price on the great varieties which they cannot have in stock. The prices on some of the less rare varieties are especially interesting.

King George of England, who has on numerous occasions shown that he shares with many of his subjects the pleasures of philately, has given a new token of his interest in the subject. At the present time even the hobbies of peace must yield their quota to the greater affairs of the nation. Already collectors and dealers have given generously to the "Daily Telegraph" stamp sale for the Belgians, and now a great and combined effort is being made to form a National Philatelic War Fund. The King has not only expressed his approval of the scheme, but has sent to the hon. secretaries one of the rarest stamps in his collection for disposal in aid of the fund.

The National Philatelic War Fund is collecting stamps, philatelic literature, and cash donations. The stamps and literature will be sold by public auction early in the new year, and the entire proceeds will be devoted to the work of

the societies of the British Red Cross and St. John of Jerusalem. The president is M. P. Castle, M. V. O., J. P., and the hon, secretaries are Messrs, L. L. R. Hausburg, Wilmot Corfield, and Fred J. Melville. Although the movement was initiated by the Royal Philatelic Society, the organization of the fund has passed into the hands of a general and an executive committee representative of all sections of the stamp trade.

The gift from his Majesty is one of the rarest stamps in the Royal collection, one of the so-called "abnormal varieties," printed from a plate which was never put to press for the purpose of printing an issue of stamps. It is the straw-colored ninepence (18 cents) stamp, watermarked emblems, printed from plate 5; an nused copy. Plate 5 of this stamp was prepared in 1866, but before there was any need to bring it into regular use (plate 4 being still in good condition) the ninepence lenomination was abandoned, and for some years (until 1884) our postage stamp series did not again include any stamp of this denomination.

The late Earl of Crawford, who had the finest collection of British stamps, possessed an unused copy of this stamp, and in the course of his researches he stated that from plate 5 registered on April 24, 1866, there were five sheets (1,200 stamps) perforated and put into stock of sheets printed from plate 4. He added, "I believe that very few copies are known of this plate number."

Dr. Emilio Diena writes from Rome that it is officially announced that two Italian Red Cross postage stamps will shortly be issued. The values will be 19 and 15 centesimi, and each will be sold at a suplementary charge of 5 centesimi in aid of the Italian Red Cross.

A Gallarate correspondent sends a variety of envelopes and cards used in the Italian military operations, but of the status of these, whether official or private productions, he gives no information. The official envelope in sage green has been described with the 10 centesimi stamp impressed on it, for the use of the public in writing to soldiers with the army. The soldiers are furnished with field service postcards bearing the Italian banner in colors in place of a stamp. The card is headed: Cartolina Postale Italiana In Franchigia. Corrispondera Del R. Estercito. On the left half of the address side is a prohibition against unauthorized reproduction, and a form for the soldier to fill in, giving his full name, rank and regimental particulars. I have this official card in two varieties, on white and on cream cards.

A variety of reply-cards have been prepared apparently under the direction of a Pro-army Committee (Pro-Esercito). They are for the use of the public in writing to the troops, the front card requiring a 10e stamp, but the reply card is for the soldiers' use, and is free. The cards are sold in aid of the funds for the families of the killed and wounded soldiers. The cards are in distinctive colors for the following sections of the army: Alpini, Artiglieria, Atomobilista, Bersaglierie, R. R. Carabinieri, Cavalleria, Fanteria, Genio, R. Guardia di Finanza, Marina, Sanita.

A letter from Salonica this week is franked with two of the cruious stamps issued by Greece in 1913 to commemorate the victories of the Balkan Allies against the Turks in that year. The stamps are in two designs, one showing the Cross of Constantine and the other the Eagle of Zeus flying over high Olympus with a serpent in its beak. The issue was, and apparently still is being used in the territories acquired by the Greeks in the Balkan Wars.

These stamps were specially overprinted in Greek characters for use in Northern Epirus, and I have received from Athens this week a new issue of these overprints. The overprinting was originally done in black ink, but owing to somebody's mistake at the National Printing office, the latest consignment (said to be 5,000 sets) is overprinted in red.

Local postage in Egypt has been raised from three to five milliemes, and the three milliemes stamp being no longer required the stock has been sur-

charged "two milliemes" in black.

The new Swiss provisional is now issued. It is the 70 centimes chocolate and yellow, with the numerals obliterated by three short rules, and the new value impressed in black. The new denomination is called for by an increase in the inland parcel-post rates in Switzerland. The two new stamps announced for issue this month are not to be war-tax stamps as at first reported. Baron de Reuterskiold writes me from Lausanne that the stamps referred to are the Christmas charity stamps for the anti-tuberculosis funds. These two stamps were printed and ready for issue last year, following upon the successful issue of the "Pro Juventate" stumps of Christmas 1913. But the issue was postponed last Christmas on account of the financial difficulties occasioned by the war. This year, the conditions neing better, they are to be put on sale on December 1 for three months. My correspondent understands that two millions of each value have been printed. They will be sold at 10 to 15 centimes, and as in the case of the 1913 issue, each stamp represents a 5 centimes contribution to the "Pro-Juventate" funds.

A provisional issue of Chinese stamps is reported for the province of Sin Kiang, which includes Chinese Turkestan and all the Chinese dependencies between Mongoiia on the north and Thibet on the south. The issue consists of the current stamps of the Republic with a vertical overprint of five Chinese characters earmarking these stamps for use in this province, where the current system differs from that in the rest of China. The "Journal Philatelique de Berne," which is fortunate in securing early news of new issues of stamps advance copies of which are generally deposited with the international bureau of the Universal Postal Union at Berne, reports the following denominations in this series: ½c brown, 1c yellow, 2c green, 3c blue-green, 4c red, 5c manve, 6c grey, 7c violet, 3c brown-orange, 10c deep blue, 15c brown, 16c olive, 20c lake, 30c deep purple, 50c green, \$1 black and brown. The 2, 5 and 10 dollars are not at present included in the set.

#### 20TH ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE COLLECTORS' CLUB.

The 20th annual hanquet of the Collectors Club will be held at the Hotel Savoy, 5th Avenue and 52th Street on Thursday evening, March 2th, at 7:30 p. m. Tickets may be had from any New York stamp dealer, or from P. C. Hartell, chairman banquet committee, 32rd St., Whitestone Landing, N. Y. Price of tickets, \$2.50 per plate. A big time assured out of town folks who happen to be in the city.

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#### DENVER NOTES .- By Maitland Milliken.

It has been quite a while since any philatelic notes have gone from Denver, hence their reappearance in The WEST.

There are a large number of collectors of postage, revenue and precancelled stamps, postmarks and government issued postal cards in the mountain states territory tributory to Denver, and which make Denver the logical philatally center.

There are in Denver, 100 known native collectors and no doubt there are as many more unknown. However, they are being gradually unearthed. If there are any who read this paragraph, the writer should be pleased to have them send in their names and addresses as well as of others they may know of.

All collectors should make it their special point to assist each other even though they may be at a distance, to foster more interest and gain more know-ledge. To make a great success every one should CO-OPERATE in every possible way to the best of his or her ability. This is the very KEYSTONE which has made Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Seattle famous as philatelic centers. We can make Denver the "Pillar of Philately of the West" if we all would only put our shoulders to the wheei and keep everlastingly at it.

The Mountain States Philatelic Society of Denver was organized for this very purpose. It is incorporated under the laws of Colorado for twenty years. It has already brought great benefit to the members financially, knowledge and closer associations. Any member should not end his activities with the receipt of his membership card. I would rather have ten members who take a great heart to heart interest than the one hundred who take more or less hearted interest. IT TAKES THE SOLID ONES TO SPELL SUCCESS.

At the first meeting in January the folowing officials were elected for the year 1916: President, John W. Bradbury; Vice-President, Charles A. Nast; Secretary, Robert A. Turner; Treasurer, Maitland Milliken; Sales Superintendent, unnamed. This last position will be filled by a Denver philatelist who will be under bond Members may sell or buy their stamps through this department. The latter will be a convenient feature to those who cannot attend in person, to say nothing of other advantages which may accrue.

The time of the meetings has been changed from Tuesday to Wednesday nights and this will certainly insure a greater attendance. The members who have lodge or other work which comes on Tuesday nights will greatly appreciate this change and can therefore attend with more enthusiasm. The meeting is held every other Wednesday. Visitors are cordially invited to attend.

At the second meeting in January a very gratifying attendance was noted and the members entered with considerable zest to make the year 1916 the best in the history of the local society. Sandwiches, cakes, julep, cigars, etc., were liberally served to all who were fortunate enough to be present. The refreshments will be served frequently during the presnt year. Membership only 50c for the year.

For information, application blanks or personal call, write or call on the writer at 404 Foster Building, Denver.

#### NEW ISSUE NOTES .-- By Lowell J. Ragatz.

UNITED STATES.—Frank Reeder, Jr., writes as follows regarding a variety he has discovered on the current ½c Proprietary Revenue stamp. "On the 200 stamps composing the right pane of a sheet as printed, I find that the first and sixth stamps in the first, sixth, eleventh and sixteenth rows have the N of cent badly broken on the lower side of the broad downward second stroke of the letter. Apparently this is a cut die. It will be seen that the block from which these sheets were made was composed of a die, consisting of twenty-five stamps, five by five, and that the cut die appears in the first stamp of the die is the syneps left hand econe."

The current 50c stamp has been issued perforated 10. We have seen a used

We have seen the 1c a nd 2c new rotary printings perforated 10 horizon

AZORES.—The 1c carmine a nd 2c plum charity stamps of Portugal (see New Issue illustrations, January issue) have appeared surcharged "Acores" in

BRITISH GUIANA.—The following, taken from "Scott's Circular" will be of interest.

British Guiana: Among recent importations have been copies of the current 2c stamp, with the ruled lines behind the value thin and faint, making the tablet appear much lighter than hitherto. The lines in the background of the circle containing the ship, on the sails, at right and left of "Postage and Revenue" and at left of the crown are also lighter than before. The same changes are noted in the 5c and 72c. We might have thought they were the result of cleaned plates on the 2c and 5c but the 72c has only just appeared in this design. We therefore conclude the alterations are intentional and have been made on the dies.

We have seen the 2c and 5c values to date. The whole set may be expected in the course of time.

CHILE.—The 1911 issue, formerly printed abroad, is now appearing lithographed locally. The 1c and 2c stamps have been seen to date, but all values may soon be expected.

HONDURAS.—The % and 10c values of the new issue were resisted on correspondence dated December 20. The stamps are of the crude theater type like the 5c recently chronicled, and are deep purple and steel blue respectively, in color. The same stamps have been surcharged "oficial" in red, like the other values of this set

HUNGARY.—The 2f and 6f postage due stamps have been issued with the

LEEWARD IS.—"The Economist Bulletin" reports that the 1-value is now issued in gray and black on green ,and that this is the third George Head shilling value issued.

ICELAND.—The 3a and 5a stamps, series of 1907, have appeared watermarked multiple crosses.

ber. They are stamps of a postal value of 10c and 15c respectively, but are sold at 5c over face each, this extra amount being the amount retained for charity. The stamps are being illustrated at this time, hence we do not describe them.

LICHTENSTEIN—The set of 3 stamps (5h, 10h, 25h) issued for use in these offices some years ago has appeared on thin, unsurfaced paper similar to that how used for the stamps of Austria.

MEXICO.—The 20c stamp of 1899, and the 50c and 1 peso stamps of 1910 have been found bearing the Villa G. C. M. surcharge. Inasmuch as Villa is now out of the game, and these stamps have just been found, they should prove to be good property.

We are indebted to F. Lohse for a used copy of the new issue 10c perforated. It is stated that the lower values will also be issued in this condition.

A choice (?) lot of Villa G. C. M. on 5c of 1910 series "errors" is being offered in this country. They include doubles, inverts, etc. The surcharges appear to be genuine enough, so it seems as thought these stamps are coming from sheets spoiled in surcharging. The large block illustrated in a recent WEST is not from this lot. but unfortunately the trash now appearing reduces materially the value of that really rare piece.

NAURU.—Foreign journals report that stamps will oon be surcharged for use in this island. Since it is near the Gilbert and Ellice Is., and come under the government of the Governor of the Fiji Is., it is probable that sur-

charged Fijian Is, stamps will be employed,

NEW ZEALAND.—T. P. Corkiil, New Plymouth, sends us copies of the new ½d King George surcharged two stars and "War Tax." He states that a aw was recently passed whereby all correspondence must bear one of these ax stamps in addition to the regular amount of postage. These were only on ssue for about a fortnight, being designed for use in conjunction with the current 1d. The new 1½d now takes the place of both.

NORWAY .- The 2hr rose stamp has been issued in Scott's Die C. The

opy we have seen was cancelled December 23

RUSSIA.—Certain of the lower values of the now obsolete Romanov Tersentenary issue have been issued printed on heavy cardboard, in regular colors, without gum, and perforated 13. On the reverse side is found the Russian Cont of Arms. These were issued to meet the shortage in small change, but are good for postal purposes as well

SALVADOR.—Thei 908 official stamps ic. 2c, 5c, 10c, 50c, 100c values, and he new issue 6c and 12c stamps have been converted into officials, the former

by being surcharged "1915" and "Oficial" and the latter "Oficial."

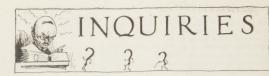
SWITZERLAND.—"The Swiss Stamp Collector" states that two new charty stamps "will be issued about January 1." They will doubtless be received on correspondence by the time this is in print. Particulars as to the reason for their issue, design, etc., are lacking.

TRIPOLI.—"Champion's Bulletin" chronicles the appearance of two new stamps for the Italian Offices, they being the 1c and 2c stamps of Italy, issue of

901-06, surcharged "Tripoli —Di Barberia

20pa, 1pia, 5pia and 10 pia of the 1995 issue surcharged a star and crescent in carmine on all values except the 20pa and 10pi, on which the surcharge appears a blue. We have also seen the whole 1990 issue surcharged a small star, native character date, and an inscription equivalent to "relief fund for the families of he slain" enclosed in a crescent, in carmine on all values except the 20pa and 0pi, which are surcharged in blue.

URUGUAY.—"Scott's Circular" chronicles the appearance of the 1912-15 ssue 2c, 5c, 8c, 20c, 23c, 50c and 1p values as having been issued surch. "Oficial."



Questions on stamp matters must be sent to the editor of this department. It is to your benefit as well as ours, as when not sent thus oftentimes your answer does not reach me in time to be answered in the next issue and is consequently held over a whole month. Remember this and also don't forget the small fee of money, curios minerals etc., should be sent to the editors of these departments. Reuben W. Ahmann, Norfolk, Nebr.

1074. I have a stamp of Benin. 1894, with Benin spelled BFNIN. What is reasor for error and its value? This is probably caused by imperfect printing or by the stamp being scratched after leaving the printing press. As these are printed from plates there is not apt to be a mistake in the plate, although such things do occur. Ordinarilly, it would have no more value than the regular stamp. Some specialist may pay more, though I doubt it. Stamps should have no more value than the pleasure one may derive from them.

1075. What is the value of U. S. Nes. 43a and 210b? Single copies, unless they had extra large margins would not bring very much and could hardly be considered as they may be trimmed copies. In pairs or strips these would have a value, I could not say how much as I have seen no quotations on them for

some time. Write Scott's

1076. I have a stamp from Uganda like Scott's No. 69 but on paper with watermark of O. A. instead of Crown and C. A. What information can you give me? This is a new one to me. None of my catalogs give this watermark. Maybe one sheet of this paper became mixed with the regular stock. Do any readers know of it?

1074. A reader reports that he subscribed to the New Zealand Stamp Journal some time ago, but to date has not received a copy. The writer has not heard of this paper for some time. Can any of our other readers tell us

whether this paper is still being published?

1075. Are there any other magazines for stamp collectors and what are the leading ones? We can hardly give you the list of the leading ones, there are so many that are good. We list some below: The Collectors Journal, 700 East 40 St., Chicago, 50c; The Philatelic Gavette, 118 Nassau St., New York, \$1.00; Central Philatelist, Kansas City, Kansas; Everybody's Philatelist, Sta. M., San Francisco, 50c; Nebraska Philatelist, Norfolk, Nebr., 25c; Philatelic Gossip, Denison, Kans., 25c; Mekcels Weekly Stamp News. Boston, Mass., 50c; The Stamp Journal, Drawer 98, Covington, Ohio. The above are not listed in order of their importance. Prices after names are the amounts of yearly subscriptions

1076 and 1077. The sditor is short of queries this month so makes use of the following taken from our contemporary from England, "The Stamp Collector." Both are good questions and are frequently asked by collectors:

When the 1851 type of U. S. A. stamps appeared perforated, in 1865, a por-

tion of the design was removed. What portion was removed. What portion was this, and why removed?

According to Mr. Grant R. Francis, in a study on the stamps of the U. S. A. portions of the design were removed from the 1 cent, 3, 5, and 10 cents values, because the dies being so close together, the needles of the perforating machine "cut into the designs of the stamps either at top, bottom or sides, and to prevent this mutilation of the design it was decided to remove a portion of the ornamentation on those values that required it in order to allow the machines to pass cleanly between the stamps."

In the I cent stamp the curved lines outside the top and bottom labels are erased in the centre. In the 3 cents valu a thin line above and below the entire design was removed in altering the plates. In the 5 cents stamp part of the double line appearing in projection at the top and bottom of stamp was, at first partly, but afterwards totally removed. The 10 cents adhesive was altered by cutting down the ornaments at sides.

Re 10 cents, stamp, Mr. Francis remarks: "Though all the other varieties have received a separate price at the hands of the cataloguers, this alteration seems to have escaped them altogether, although quite as apparent, if compared carefully, as the others." Here the writer is unaccountably wrong. Bright's Catalogue prices, rlearly enough, under No. 39: 10 cents green, ornaments erased; so does Gibbons under Nos. 40 and 41, blue-green and yellow-green. Therefore one may be permitted to ask what catalogues Mr. Francis consulted when he made his rash accusation.

Why was the red figure "2" added to the 2 cents stamp, purple and black, of the 1888-89 issue of British Guiana?

The "2" was added for the following reason. Msesrs. De la Rue and Co. issued for the Colony in 1888-80 a set of stamps for postage and fiscal purposes, all of the same design, overprinted "finland Revenue," and the values one cent to \$5 in black, the denominations being expressed by figures. The colour of all the Cent stamps was purple-lilac. Shortly after the issue of the "2 Cents" in the Colony the authorities noticed that the value of the stamp might easily be turned into that of "72 Cents" (for which value there was a stamp in the series) by the addition of a "7" before the "2"; the remaining stock of Two Cents stamps was thereupon surcharged with the red numeral "2." Should a forgery exist it should be easily told from the genuine.

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And a smile.

When a collector from afar
Comes along,
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Make it strong!
Never flatter, never bluff,
Tell the truth, for that's enough;

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U. S. stamps are now being printed on unwatermarked paper. This is certainly interesting news. Will our readers be on the lookout for this paper?

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Winter styles in Sonoras are of a new variety, the well remembered stage coach giving place to an anvil. This is probably in recognition of the large amount of knocking occasioned by these highly speculative issues of none too certain origin.

The current may type series of Cuba seem to be having a hard time to keep up with specified shades and new "colors" are constantly being chronicled. No doubt the shortage of dye stuffs occasioned by the war is responsible for this condition, and the shades while interesting to a specialist will not be seriously considered by the general collector.

The 2kr rose of Norway has appeared in the Die C type with solid background, the same as the 1kr 50c stamps which were issued first in 1911.

Reuben W. Ahlmann of Norfolk, Nebr., publisher of the Nebraska Philatelist, announces that he has purchased the list of the Collectors' Monthly from Mr. John B. Gardella, of Oakland, Cal., and will consolidate it with his paper.

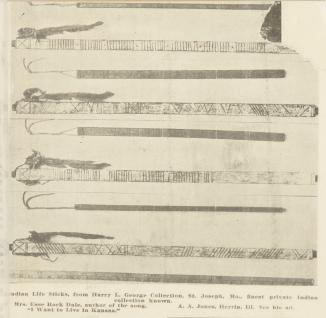
The Difference.—A "generalist" collects something of everything; a "sepcialist" collects everything of something.

From Mr. Ernest Slinger of Grenada, we learn that the Governor of the Island has decided that used stamps must henceforth pay an import tax.

Most young dealers believe that if they buy in country of origin they are getting at lowest price. As a general rule, the opposite is true. If you want India, buy in England; if you need Turkey, try Germany. You see the idea, don't you?

The collecting of "war stamps" and covers promises to become a prolific filed for both the general collector and the specialist. We believe they, or at least the most of them, will prove to be good investments for the collector as they will naturally be more or less limited in quantity. While none of them may become valuable rarities, they will always be of great interest and will command fair prices.

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Famons Mineral Collection of R. M. Lane of Mass. The swords are from Japan, brought from there over 30 years ago. The animal at the bottom Otter from Connecticnt.





A Foreign Post Card.



Nebraska Caif, mounted for Hastings party by A. M. Brooking, Taxidermist, Inland, Nebr.





Hartley Anderson, Sioux Falls.

5. Dak. Two of his book plates,
and he designed last month's cover.



# ART, ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTIQUES.

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The writer is indebted to Prof. Wm. C. Mills, Curator of the Ohio Historical and Archaeological Society, Columbus, Ohio, for a number of photos of pipes taken from the Tremper mound located near Portsmouth, Ohio. The opening of this mound quite recently has proven to be one of the greatest archaeological discoveries ever made in this country. We would like to give the readers of the WEST a complete account of the work as reported by the Columbus (Ohio) Daily Dispatch but space forbids. The following facts will give a faint idea of the importance of the exploration of the mound: Many specimens of worked quartz were found. The artifacts consist principally of ornaments and implements made from copper, stone, fireclay, mica, bone, etc., among which the feature is upwards of two hundred carved pipes, many of them in the image of birds, animals, turtles and other life forms. The pipes represent the highest degree of aboriginal art, claws, feathers and minute characteristics of the subject portrayed are carefully worked out. Among the animal forms represented in the tobacco pipes, which are all of the so-called monitor or platform type of pipe, are the following: Bear, one specimen with pearls set in eyes and copper mouth piece; wolf, wildcat, mountain lion, beaver, otter, raccoon (with front paw in crawfish hole), opposum, squirrel, mink, otter (carrying fish in mouth), dog, (the only image of the dog ever found, although bones of the dog have been identified); eagle, owl, hawk, sandhill crane, (with crest on head painted rd); wild duck, turtle, toad, etc. Many of the bird and animal pipes have eyes set with copper beads or pearls, and a number of them are supplemented with parts made from copper. Other objects are made from sheet mica and limpid quartz crystals. Most of the pipes are made from a close grained compact stone known as fireclay, and found in southern Ohio. I would like to tell of many other interesting features of the mound and its contents but space is needed to report other matters of interest.

The Ida Noves collection of antique jewelry, consisting of nine pieces or are workmanship, and valued at \$30,000 was recently stolen from its case in the Chicago Art Institute.

The United States National Museum has received as a gift from Dr. W. Hotton Ford, now residing in Washington, a forty-pound cannon ball fired from Fort Sumter at the beginning of the engagement on April 12, 1861, which marked the opening of the Civil War.

W. D. James of Bethlehem, Ky., owns a plow which has been handed down from his great-grandfather. It has been all the time on one of the farms now owned by Mr. James—at least 125 years.

The English are very much concerned over the prospects of hundreds of England's valuable art treasures being forced on the market as a result of the

war's economic pressure and will be forever lost through purchase by wealthy

Workmen excavating on the site of the old Spanish presidio at Tubac, Art., unearthed 27 rusty 12-pound balls, relics of the time when the red and yellow flag floated over what is now the Southwestern part of the United States. It is believed that the cannon balls date back to 1687, the year in which Father Kino founded the missions of Tubac and San Xavier. This would make them at least 228 years old.

John Pease, of Phippsburg, Me., has a wheel from an old one-horse chaise, which originally came from Peabody, Mass. It is all handmade and is seven feet one inch in diameter.

Miss Evelyn. L. Gilmore, librarian of the Maine Historical Society, has completed a collection of portraits of the English sovereigns from William the Norman, who began to rule in 1666, to Victoria, who became queen in 1887. The scollection, thirty-six portraits in all, also contains a portrait of Alfred the Great, whose reign extended from 827 to 900.

The New York Hera'd states that in the German trenches just cast of Soisons, near the Chateau Bavy le Long, Cantain Pehlmann stumbled across a bronze neck chain which protruded from the side of the trench, and upon investigation a skull also was disclosed. Upon removing the earth from the side of the trench a whole row of graves was discovered and the skeletons found therein had ornaments around the neck, the wrists and ankles, all of which were of solid bronze. The graves were dug very deep and the skeletons were with two exceptions intact. All of them had large brouze rings around the necks and arms. Beside each skeleton was a vessel which had contained meat that had been buried with the body. Only a few weapons, mostly spears, were found with the bodies. It is supposed the graves belonged to the age known as the "Marne Culture," dating back to the Fifth century B. C.

After a three years' cruise among the South Sea Islands studying their archaeological treasures, Mr. and Mrs. W. Scoresby Routledge of London and the British Museum staff arrived at San Francisco recently, asys the San Francisco Bulletin. Most of their tour was spent on Easter Island, where they excavated great moneiliths and say many traces of an old and forgotten art era and strange races, all if which will be published in a book about prehistoric times in that part of the world. Abourd their yacht were many photographs and sketches showing the immense stone terraces that line the hillsides of Easter Island, and the huge monoliths, beside which horses and men appear like dwarfs.

Frank Hyde of Bluff. Colo. recently came into possession of some interesting specimens through a discovery by some Indian herders. The Indians, while driving their sheep out of a natural cave, discovered a mummy of an ancient Cliff Dweller, the skin of an animal that resembles a muskrat stuffed with tobacco leaves, two pipes made of soft limestone, a fine wound reed basket, one pair of woven grass sandles, and three bowls.

Mrs. L. Brackett Bishop, a well known clubwoman and suffragist of Chicago, has, in her extensive travels, brought together a valuable collection of beads. She recently spoke on this subject at the Anthenaeum. Her beads have nearly all some story connected with them and are somewhat of an index to the life and character of the people she has visited.

University of Chicago library assistants recently unearthed in one of the storerooms of that institution an original Vindelinus de Spira, a copy of De Divinius Institorium Advers Gentes of Lectantinus, of which there is only one other known copy, it being in the British Museum and valued at thousands of dollars. The book is more than 400 years old.

We learn from Harper's Weekly that the tribes of Central Australia areamong the last of the primitive races. They are nomads who stray through the huge and deserted tracts of this great continent, hunting with spears and boomerangs. Their huts are made of boughs of trees. They have no utensils. Counting is done on their fingers only, and only to the number of ten; but they decorate the rocks with rude attempts at drawing and make efforts to ornament their shields. Their art is determined and distinct, but inferior to that of the Western European epoch of the reindeer.

Some articles recently sold at auction in New York: An antique Bokara bedspread, a beautiful specimen in design, color, and execution, 99 by 84 inches brought \$100; a Turkish rug, with rose and cream foundation, \$100; an antique Greek head of a youth, fourth century B. C., \$71; the life sized marble head of a woman found near Nazareth, second century B. C., \$80; a collection of 1,356 Egyptian flints went for \$1,400; a painting in wax, said to be the earliest known painting of a Christian subject, \$310; a lion cut out of sandstone that dates from about 1200 B. C., \$340;

At the historical service held in St. James church in Evansburg, Pa., "in remembrance and appreciation of Queen Anne's bounty," the prayer bool which was used was the personal prayer book of King William and Queen Marj of England, and was used later by Queen Anne. The book is in possession  $\sigma$  ex-Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, a vestryman of the church.

At Beacon Hill, Boston, Mass., some workmen, while digging ten feet be low the foundation of an old mansion over one hundred years old, found a number of hand made bricks that experts think were imported from England over three hundred years ago. So ancient relics (other than Indian) are now being found in "Young America."

Edward Young, of Wausau, Wis., recently found a hand forged trap supposed to be about 100 years old, imbedded in the roots of an overturend tree near Kempster of that state. It is supposed to be a relic of the days when the Hudson Bay people operated in that locality.

## NATURAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT.

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This department is conducted 'for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men." Newspaper clippings, mayarine articles and MS, should be sent direct to above address; our life, exempt from public haunt.

And this our life, exempt from public haunt,
Finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in everything."—Shakespeare,

The University of Akron, Ohio, has been presented with the McCreery collection of fresh water shells, one of the largest and finest of its kind in the state of Ohio. The collection was the result of many years' work on the part of the late J. M McCreery, a deep student of natural science, and the last surviving member of the old Akron Scientific Club.

The Peabody Museum (Yale University) has sent an expedition to the "Penbandle" of Texas, to search for fossil remains of prehistoric horses, of which the museum now has parts of twenty-six, but none of them complete. The expedition will go later to Central Nebraska, where remains of primitive horses of the Miocene Age, forty inches high, have been found.

And while we are at it we might as well note that remains of six new species of prehistoric borses from the Miscene and Pliocene periods have been discovered in California by Prof. J. C. Merriam of the University of California. The specimens are of the 3-toed variety and are said by Professor Merriam to be valuable contributions to the history of the horse.

Just after writing the above the writer received word that Dr. E. L. Troxler, of Ann Arbor, Mich., had amounced that in explorations in the Black Eills in the last summer he discovered the major part of a skeleton of a one-tool hor e the link between the tures-tool loss of prohistoric tomes and the mediern animal. He also discovered a perfect specimen of a three-tood horse.

A scaleless fish with a head like a dog, so rare that it is now listed as the third ever captured, has been presented to the University of Washington by Mrs. Miabel Weller, of Gig Harbor, Wash.

Doomed to extermination, it is believed, along with the great auk and the passenger pigeon, the whooping crane, largest of American birds, has been mounted in the American Museum of Natural History to appear just as it does in its habitat. Dr. Frank M. Chapman, ornithologist, and Louis Agassiz Fuertes artist, made the setting after studies at Heron Lake, Minnesota. A live specimen, extremely rare, is in the New York Zoological Park.

James Rodway, who is the curator of the British Guiana museum, and is an eminent botanist, declares that plants have at least three of our five senses—feeling, taste and smell.

Platinum deposits of great extent and excellent quality have been discov-

ered in the Ronda Mountains in Spain. These mountains have the same geological structure as the Urais, where a large proportion of the world's supply of platinum is at present obtained.

Many interesting facts hitherto unestablished definitely concerning the giant fossil reptile known as the stegosaurus, or plated lizard, have been brought out by investigators connected with the National Museum. A recent publication by the Museum carries ten pictures of restorations of the stegosaurus as depicted by various authorities between the years of 1891 and 1912.

Robert Stevenson uncarthed two mastodon tusks and two teeth near East Lynn. III. The tusks were six feet in length and the teeth seven ichnies in diameter. It is reported that the specimens were sold to a museum for \$150.

Our friend, George J. Remsburg, of Potter, Kansas, is very much interested in gathering data pertaining to the Pawpaw or "Missouri Banana," (Asimina trilota.) He requests that the WEST readers please favor him with anything pertaining to it, historically and otherwise. If the readers know of any poems that mention the pawpaw aside from "The Hunter's Serenade," by Bryant, and "Pawpaw's Ripe," by Sol Miller, Mr. Remsburg will be glad to receive as much information as possible.

Among the publications of general interest recently issued by the U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., are the following Bulletins:

No. 595. Fauna of the so-called Boone Chert near Batesville, Ark.

No. 598. Faunas of the Boone Limestone at St. Joe. Ark

No. 604. The Phosphate Deposits of Florida.

No. 622. Mineral Resources of Alaska.

These publications are available for free distribution to persons interested.

For subscriber living in Wallingford, Conn.: This party (name unknown) usked for information how to mend broken archaeological specimens. Here it s—and the same method can be used on shells, fossils and minerals. We are ndebted to Prof. Wm. C. Mills, Curator of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Soc'ety, Columbus, Ohio, for the information: "The cement I use for guing archaeological specimens is known as Irish Glue. It is made of the noofs and horns of animals and is a very hard glue and has to be melted in a glue pot, and applied in a hot state. When it dries, which is almost immediately, t remains hard and is not subject to weather conditions so much as our ordinary liquid glue. However, I use liquid glue very ofter for specimens in the Muesum, where dampness will not affect them. Liquid glue of any kind must eapplied in the proper way and it will answer almost all purposes for broken trchaeological specimens."

#### TO PLACE RELICS IN STATE MUSEUM.

Tecumseh, Nebr.—Arrangements are being made for placing about 1,200 rehistoric relics collected by Samuel P. Hughes, the archaeologist, in the mueum of the state university at Lincoln. These relics were discovered by Hughes uring excavations made in Nemaha county and are considered of great value,—Lincoln Star.



#### M. N. BUNKER, EDITOR, Colby, Kansas.

P. J. Carlson of Elkhart, Indiana, has a Swedish Bible which was printed in Stockholm, 243 years ago, according to a dispatch to the Indianapolis News. The book has been in the Carlson family for several generations.

Recently an inquirer in a leading newspaper asked regarding the value of a Martin Lutehr Bible, dated 1765. The questioner believed the book which was found in an old house, had a high value, and the answer which we quote may be of interest: "The German Martin Luther Bible of 1560 is almost priceless and the elaborately illustrated cition of 1700 is worth a great deal, but thousands of Martin Luther Bibles of later dates are offered to collectors and book dealers, with the result that many will not give them shelf room."

I have a book entitled The Rural Wreath. or Life Among the Flowers, edited by Laura Greenwood and printed by Dayton & Wentworth, Boston, Mass, 1855. Is this book of any value? It is a 12 mo. and has 272 pages, board covers and stamped in kold.—Paul Matthias, P.O. Box 585, Mt. Dora, Fla.

If there are any of "our folks" who can help Mr. Matthias, we are sure that he will appreciate their response to his inquiry. Write Mr. Matthias, direct.

Mr. Jacob A. Schmidt, of Mountain Lake, Minnesota,has an old idel from China. The idel which is about twelve inches in height, represents a goddess sitting on her throne, holding in her arms two children, and is made of an alloy of bronze and clay. Mr. Schmidt says that the idel is supposed to be very old, and that the appearance joustfies this belief.

The Miscellany, published in Kansas City is a most interesting book-plate magazine, with subscription price of \$1 a year. It is not a large magazine, but for collectors of book plates it is most admirable and we are glad to welcome it into the more extensive field it is entering.

Mrs. Nettie Garmer Barker, whom we spoke of in connection with "Kansas Women in Literature," recently, is having a wide sale for her book. We are glad to see this, for she has done a good work, and should receive the support of people of this western country especially.

It has been brought to our attention that some readers wish to collect

post cards of High Schools, Courthouses and other places of interest from various towns. The Editor is engaged in traveling over much of this western country and it as occurred to us that we may be able to aid many readers by getting local cards and sending in packs or individually. Of course, we cannot give many minutes to this, but usually have time to get a bunch of "locals" in almost every town and could easily address them and mail, thus giving collectors local cards and incidentally postmarks, too. If the collector desired we could add in writing, any information available about the town, as population, enterprises, etc., If any WEST folks are interested we will be glad to do this without charge except actual outlay. Some places cards are one cent each and again they are two for five cents, but regardless of this, if you want to add cards of western Kansas, Oklahoma, or eastern Colorado to your colle tion in this way, write, enclosing anywhere from "two bits' up and we will do our best for you. Address the Editor of this Department, and please do not ask us to exchange cards, as to do so is impossible. All that we do in getting and mailing cards or writing information is done FREE and any reader may feel free to accept.

#### PAID PERMIT DEPARTMENT, -- Paul Semmer, Rex. Ore., Editor,

I am glad to be able to announce that since writing my last article announcing my intention to try and reorganize the International Paid Permit Society, and also since writing each member a personal letter regarding the matter, that I have started to get replies, and that so far I have not had a single member say that he was against reorganizing. But there are still quite a few of the I. P. P. S. who have not answered my letter, and I trust that all of you members will, if you have not already done so, send me your reply without delay, so that we will not lose any time in getting the society reorganized and started anew again. I also will again say that I would like to hear from all the non-members who may be interested in, or are paid permit collectors. As soon as I have received replies enough to make it a majority for reorganization. I will immediately post a notice to that effect, and I will make arrangements to go ahead with the reorganization, and the drafting of rules and regulations for the society. It is gratifying to note that we still have some good old scouts among our former members, who, although the society practically died. have not given up the hobby and pastime of collecting paid permits, and are responding to my request to let me know whether they favor reorganization, I trust the balance of the members will answer my letter promptly. In the meantime, until I hear from a majority of members, I will be pleased to receive opinions, suggestions, plans, information, etc., from all who are interested in the hobby and pastime of paid permit collecting. If you wish to ask me any quustions regarding the hobby or society, if you will enclose a two cent stamp I will be pleased to answer to the extent of my ability. Now everybody, altogether, boost and push for the reorganization of the International Paid Permit Society.

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This department is conducted solely in the interest of our readers. All are asked to contribute articles, ask questions, send clippings etc., as many and as often as you will. Remember things that seem trivial to you may be of the greatest interest to others. Publishers are invited to send copies for mention.

It is to be hoped that the government will not alter or change our present beautiful set of coins. The so-called St. Gordian gold coins are not an improvement over our regular issue. They remind one too strongly of the brass medallions found in penny prize boxes. Can anyone call the buffalo nickel an improvement? Is the Lincoln cent prettier than the old Indian head? Let's have our coinage the way it is and not put out a set of freak coins, such as we have had the last few years. The United States coins are beautiful in comparison to those of any other country in the world.—Joe E. Haller.

Half-cent pieces may possibly be asked for by the club women of Ohio. It is claimed that many dollars would be saved to the housewife annually by their use. This may be true, but down here in the "wild and woolly" we don't even take time to handle the coppers.—L. A. C.

A new Villa coin has just made its arrival in Juarez and efforts are being made by the Villa authorities to prevent its crossing the boundary. This is a silver peso coined in Chihushua City. Having no scientific advisers present, the Villa coiners are said to have put plenty of silver and some gold into this new coin so that its value will always maintain the regular peso standard in spite of the depreciation of Villa's paper.

France is running short of copper coins, due no doubt to German agents who are said to be having them collected that they may be carried into Germany. Postage stamps are taking to some extent the place of these minor coins.

The rate from Japan to the U. S. on gold shipments has been raised until it is prohibitive. In this way Japan proposes to stop the flow of gold to this country.

Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Messrs. Waldo, Hettinger and Borchert.

#### STARTING A COIN COLLECTION.

Written by M. Sorensen (Especialy for Philatelic WEST.)

A very good way to start a coin collection is to buy, for instance, a hun-

dred mixed coins—nickel, brass, bronze and copper—from many different countries. This method may seem aimless, but it is not. Coin dealers adverties such lots at a very nominal price. This lot will afford you ample chance to compare coins from the different countries, study arms and other designs, metal and workmanship. If a man can be judged by his clothes, a nation can also to a certain extent be judged by its money. Even if some of these coins will not prove interesting to you, others surely will, and you will evidently want to get more and different coins from a certain country.

Or you may start with a selection of coins from our own country. Few countries have so varied and interesting a coinage as the United States. Most of our early coins, as well as those of later coinage, may be had at a very reasonble price. Get some of the early coins, follow up and down through our national history, and do not forget to study that very remarkable and exceedingly interesting coinage known as "Civil War Tokens" and "Hard Times Tokens."

The greatest pleasure and much useful knowledge may be gained from coin study by the aid of historical essays and historical works on our coins and monetary system. A large number of splendid books have been written on these subjects.

Here are some of the books I have read. Besides much useful and interesting information about our coins these books have taught me a lot about the history of our country, early struggles and the building up of a nation, which I would have otherwise missed:

"Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, P." Smith, "History of the United States Mint." Smith, "Gold and Silver Coins of the World." Holdsworth. "Money and Banking." Evans, "History of the United States Mint." Adler, "Money and Money Units in the American Colonies." Fernow, "Coins and Currency of New York." Chalmers, "Colonial Currency." Gouze, "A Short History of Paper Money and Banking in the United States." Watson, "History of American Coinage." Phillips, "American Paper Currency." Muhleman, "Monetary Systems of the World." Walker, "Money."

Many more similarly good books might be mentioned, but space does not permit. Some of them you will find in your public library.

After getting a small collection of various coins, you will evidently begin to specialize. Most collectors do. You will take a fancy to coins of a certain country, or you will specialize in the coins of our own country—Colonial, large cents, war tokens, medals, silver, etc. Do not get discouraged if of limited means. It is possible to get a very nice and representative collection at a reasonable price. It is not necessary to possess all the dates of a certain coin; a good sample of each type will suffice.

And now about getting the coins you want. There are quite a number of coin dealers in the country, and they are all willing to sell their wares. Write them for catalogs, then compare prices and conditions of coins, select and mark what you want and what your pocket book will allow. Unless you want to get whole sets together, I would advise buying only a few coins at a time. In that way you appreciate them more—get more time to study each coin and I think much pleasure is lost by buying too large quantities at one time. Do not besitate to send a dealer your order because his place of business may happen

to be 2000 miles away from where you live. I have bought coins from quite a few dealers but so far have not a single complaint to make.

In concluding I would add—a nice coin is something more than a mere bit of metal—it is a chapter of our history, a precious piece of art—and it should be treated accordingly.

Congressman Ashbrook, a numismatist, has introduced a bill embodying a plan for the coinage of 100,000 McKinley souvenir dollars to help defray the expenses of constructing the McKinley memorial at Niles, Ohio, According to a Washington dispatch the plan has already been approved by Secretary McAdoo and Comptroller Williams.

We are in receipt of a clipping from Mr. Lon Manners of Riverside, Cal., relative to the coinage of a "six bit" (75 cent) piece to commemorate the San Diego Exposition. The proposed coin is to be octagonal in shape and typically Californian in design. It will be made legal tender as well as serving as a fair souvenir. Mr. Manners states that he was recently informed by one of the fair officials that there is no question but that the concession for coinage will be granted.

#### WANTED HIS MONEY.

From Carrying Place, Ontario, the following letter was received at Richmond, Va. addressed to the Confederate States of America: "Confederate States of America: Gentlemen—You will find enclosed a Confederated \$10 bill. I received it from Fresno, Cal. Can I get my money for it, or is it just counterfeit."—Clipping.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Owing to the large number of inquiries received it is impossible to get them all into print at once. Each must take its turn. For this reason abouted you desire a reply at once, we sake that you enclose a stamp and we will reply direct. All questions of general interest will appear in the WEST just the same

69. Hood River, Del.—What is the value of the 1886 dime? Ans.—20 to 40 cents.

70. Fort Bragg, Calif.—What are buffalo nickels and Lincoln cents worth? Ans.—A complete list of prices on Lincoln cents was given in a recent issue of WEST. The buffalo nickel we believe is worth only face value. You have doubtless noticed that all dates of this coin are daily met with in circulation. This is one of the best proofs we have of there being plenty of them. Some idea of the number of these coins being turned out at the mints may be gained from the following, which was taken from the mint report: In September of last year 3,088,000 cents were coined and in October 1,870,300. In October of 1915 our mints turned out 115,300 buffalo nickels.

71. Wall, So. Dakota.—What is the value of a Pennsylvania 5 shilling note dated 3rd day of Oct. 1773? Ans.—We have no comprehensive list of Colonial currency, but we believe these bills vary in value from 10 cts. to \$2. (b) Silver 3-cent piece 1853? Ans.—10 to 50 cents. (c) 2-cent piece 1864? Ans.—Small motto, 25 cto \$3; large motto, 5c to \$1.60. (d) 2-cent piece 1865? Ans.—5c to \$1. (e) Half cent piece 1828? Ans.—With twelve stars, 50c. to \$5; with thirteen stars, 20c to 75c. (f) Copper cent 1826? Ans.—26 over 25, 40c to \$3; compact

date. 10c to \$2; wide date, 10c to \$1. (g) Copper cent 1828? Ans.—Large date 5c to \$1; small date, 20c to \$3; large date with outlined 8 beneath 2, 50c to 75c. (h) Copper cent 1840? Ans.—Small date, 5c to \$1.50; large date, 5c to 75c.

- 72. Napance, Ontario, Canada.—What is the value of a copper coin of flish inscribed on one side "Sr. Isaac Brock the Hero of Upper Canada" and on the other "Success to Commerce and Peace to the World"? Ans.—10c to \$2. (b) Do you know where I could exchange a small collection of old coins for stamps? Ans.—Read the advertisements in this issue of WEST carefully and if you do not find what you want, place a small ad of your own with us. The WEST goes to all kinds of collectors and we feel sure you should have no trouble in finding what you need.
- 73. Beloit, Wis.—Where can I buy Sing Sing money? Ans.—Write the prison superintendent.
- 74. Sidney, Ohio.—Where can I buy Villa bills in large quantities at whole-sale? Ans.—Write ElPaso Stamp Co., Box 1, Station A, El Paso, Texas. Their page ad appeared in October WEST. Also see ad in this issue.
- 75. Kenanee, Ill.—What will you pay for \$5 gold 1852? Ans.—We are not dealers. Scott offers this piece for sale at \$7.50 to \$8.
- 76. What is the value of an 1815 large cent? Ans.—This being the year in which the Philadelphia mint was destroyed by fire no cents were coined that year. Mr. Theodore J. Venn in his recent splendid work on "Large United States Cents" says, "Occasionally a few so-called 1815 cents turn up. These naturally a re changed dates and in most instances the work is crudely done."
- 77. (a) What is the value of the Lincoln cent 1909 with initial V. D. B.? Ans.-Five to thirty-five cents according to condition. (b) 1909 inclusive from the Philadelphia mint? Ans.-Uncirculated 5 to 20 cents. (c) Same S mint? Ans .- 20 to 25c uncirculated. (d) Same D mint? Ans .- No cents were coined at Denver prior to 1911. Those coined at this mint are priced as high as 20c. (e) Same no mint? Ans.—All U. S. coins of recent times not bearing a mint mark were struck at Philadelphia. You will find the answer to your questions "e" and "b" to be the same. (f) 1844 half dollar? Ans .- \$1 to \$6 according to condition. (g) 1873 hafl dollar CC mint? Ans.-Good \$1.25; fine \$1.50, (h) 1873 half dime O mint? Ans.-10 to 45c. (i) 1857 dime O mint? Ans.-15 to 40c. (j) 1868 five cent? Ans.-10 to 40c. (k) Where can I sell Lincoln cents and buffalo nickels? Ans. We would suggest that you try an ad in the WEST. But in pricing your coins remember that you cannot expect to get full catalog for them unless they are in exceptionally fine condition. The prices we name above you understand are the prices dealers are offering coins at, and should you sell to them they must make their profits. You cannot get a premium on any buffalo nickels that I know of, unless it is proof coins. These you know are one of our most common coins and are being produced by the thousand each month. (1) Please answer these questions. I have sent in some questions before but they were not answered. Ans .-- Read the note immediately after the heading "Questions and Answers" and you will doubtless find the answer to the delay. We cannot give a direct reply to all letters unless postage is enclosed. These were delayed, this time, on account of being sent to the editor of the magazine instead of the department editor. A reply also went forward to you by mail.



#### SOME NOTES FOR WEAPON COLLECTORS .- By George J. Remsburg.

John Biringer, of Leavenworth, Kanses, who is 85 years of age, has been making guns ever sine he was 15 years of age and is still in the same business in that town. He is believed to be the older t gunsmith in the state. He came to Kansas in 1859, and made many guns for buffalo hunters on the Plains in the early days. He learned the gunsmith trade in his native country, Germany, and followed it for severel years in Philadelphia when he first came to America. A large wooden model of a gun has hung in front of Mr. Biringer's place of butiness in Leavenworth for 47 years.

Felix Jones, of Beloit, Kans., is the owner of a powder flask that he found near Rome, Ga., in 1864, while on a march with his company, in the 21st Kentucky volunteer regiment, of which he was outstremaster sergeant.

Almost every dispatch from the bittle fronts has something to tell about machine guns. Like the salmarine, the machine gun in its practical form is an American contribution to the enginery of war, although in the case of neither of them was the idea original with the inventor. The first machine gun that was used effectively in war was the Gatling, named after its inventors, a native of North Carolina. In our Civil War it was thoroughly tested, and although crude in comparison with the modern weapon, proved valuable. In the Franco-German war of 1870, the French used a modification of it that they called the mitrailleuse. The Hotchkiss and the Gardner guns, improvements on the Gatling, were also American inventions, and were extensively added to the equipmnt of many European armies. The Nordenfeit was invented by a Dane. The Lewix, which is largely used in aeroplane service, is the work of an American. So, too, is the Maxim, which many recard as the best weapon of the sort, It is the gun used by the British and it is part of the equipment of most of the other European armies. A modification of it, of a heavier type, is used in naval warfare. The guns of that kind, known as "pom-poms," fire about three hundred rounds a minute of shells that weigh a pound and a quarter each. The ordinary machine guns are of the same caliber as the rifle, in order that the same ammunition may serve for both.

A machine gun, firing 120 shots every three seconds, which can be operated by two men, and which is especially designed to repel infantry and cavalry charges, has been invented by H. G. Boeger of Topeka, Kans. Mr. Boeger saic

that the original idea was his father's and that they had been working on it for several years. He said patent papers had been issued to him, although a model has not yet been tested by actual firing. Several firms are considering the manufacture of the gun for use in Europe, Mr. Boeger said. He has drawings of the gun. The shells are fired automatically by electricity without the need of trigger mechanism and do not need caps.

W. E. Savage of Beaumont. Texas, has an old Turkish fint-lock pistol that is more than 100 years old. He also has a cannon hall picked up at Sabine Pass, Tex, supposed to have been lost in Civil War these.

A United States artillery officer has invented a camera that will photograph a mortar shell at the instant it leaves the muzzle of the gun, showing even the curious "smoke ring" or "gas ring" that accompanies the emerging shell. The shutter which can be adjusted to make an exposure as short as 1-5,000 of a second is worked by an electric motor which makes several thousand revolutions a second.

#### MICHIGAN NOTES .- Sent by J. K. Smith,

A great find of Indian relies was recently unearthed by Carl Schrumpf on land near his farm at Pentwater, Mich. This consisted of the contents of some 50 Indian graves, which yielded many scarce items in pottery, beads and copper articles. Several of the skulls still had the hiir intact, this was decorated, with copper beads and ornaments. This find has attracted wide attention and efforts are being made to preserve the collection in this state.

Several of the Indian Mounds situated on the banks of the Grand River three miles south of the City of Grand Rapids, were recently opened and thoroughly examined by officials of the Kent Scientific Museum. Mayy interesting articles were found. This group of Mounds is the largest and most important in the State, and were the work of the Mound Builders over 1000 years ago. The Grand River was one of the main arteries used by the Indians from prehistoric times. This has been proved by the numerous finds made along the banks from Lowell to Grand Haven.

Michigan had its full share of broks which issued promises to pay, and went "broke." The earliest record of bank bills, is the \$1.00 bill issued by the Owl River Bank of Kalamazoo, 1813.

By far the rarest notes are those issued by the Grand River Bank of Grand Rapids, prior to 1850. Only a few specimens have come to light. Some years ago an old house was demolished in this city, which had one room entirely papered with there tills. A tow specimens were saved by one of the workmen.

Louis Campau, the founder of the City of Grand Rapids, who was an Indian rader, issued checks and notes which passed current in the early days

### A KOLUMN FOR KANSAS KOLLECTORS. By George J. Remsburg.

Mrs. Mary E. Ruffner of Topeka, has the two first coal scuttles ever made.

It is ac Ruffner, invented the scuttle in Virginia, and the first two
ever made were moulded of pure heavy copper in his foundry.

Anton Berntsen, who died at his home in Atchison recently at the age of 5, was a stamp collector, and at one time sent 80,000 stamps to a "mission" a Switzerland

While digging in a gravel pit at Wichita recently, C. D. Briggs uncovered skeletons of a woman and child. Embedded in the woman's chin was a flint arrow point, indicating she was killed by an Indian.

Daniel Haner, of Herington, has a whistle of solid brass that was once the property of Abraham Lincoln, and has affidavits of its genuineness.

A five dollar bank note, drawn on a Muskogee, Okla., bank, that did not have the signature of either the cashier or president of the bank was received in Atchison recently. O. A. Simmons says the bill is valid, nevertheless. A local coin collector has added it to his collection.—Atchison Globe.

C. Bernhardt, of Lincoln, Kans., has recently published a book entitled "Indian Raids in Lincoln County, 1864-1869." Mr. Bernhardt is the man who had a monument erected at Lincoln in 1909 to commemorate these raids. He is a member of the committee on Archaeology and Indian history of the Kansas Historical Society.

While hunting for arrowheads at Palermo, Kans., recently, Alcid Bowers, 2203 North Third street, St. Joseph, Mo., made a valuable discovery, that of an old English watch, said by local jewelers to whom the find was shown, to be more than a century old. The watch bears the name of "Norton," a watch-maker of old London, on the case, and is of chain drive, ruby jeweled movement. It is of the popular shape of decades ago, thick case and of heavy material. It is, of course, key wind, and has a remarkably long stem. Bowers has leen offered a substantial sum for his discovery by several curio dealers, but is at hus far refused to sell.

R. L. Munson of Weimore, raised some beans this season from seed supposed to be hundreds of years old. Last spring Clarence Sullivan of Flagstaff, Ariz, sent his brother, J. R. Sullivan several beans which were found in a leather bag stored away in one of the caves of the cliff dwellers. Sullivan gave two of the beans to Munson, who planted them as an experiment. One of the seeds germinated and hore three large pods of extra large beans.

Sam Radges of Topeka, has a copy of the first city directory of Topeka, printed in 1869, and compiled by himself. Mr. Radges is still helping to get out directories in Topeka.

A collection of mutilated and foreign coins, "shinplasters," Confederate

money and old state bank bills, left by persons who have died in the various state hospitals in the last several decades and whose heirs never have been found, has cost the state several hundred dollars for its care, asserts Earl Akers, state treasurer. As a result, he shid the next legislature will be asked to pass a law giving the treasurer authority to turn the collection over to the Kansus State Historical Society.

William F. Foulke, who lives near Cimerron, has a chair which was made in 1714. It was made by one of his forefathers from a log with the seat, back, and arms split from virgin timber and hewed into shape. Mr. Foulke sometimes uses the chair and it is a relic of comfort as well as old construction.

An almanac printed in 1854 at Cincinnati, Ohio, is in the possession of A. B. Klopf, a rural mail carrier of Atchison.

Kansas produces a large percentage of literary men, and it is a coincidence three successive curio editors of the Philatelic West and Collector's World, published at Superior, Nebr., have been Kansas men. They are: Roy Farrell Green of Lawrence. George J. Remsburg of Potter, and Allen J. Reynolds of Ottawa. Other editors of the publication are: F. R. Hayworth and Dr. W. I. Mitchell of Wichita, and M. N. Bunker of Colby.—Topeak Capital, Jan. 14, 1916.

#### PERSONALS AND ITEMS .-- By F. May Tuttle, Osage, Iowa.

George Nelson of Brownville, Iowa, a small town near Osage, Ia., while excavating for a cellar, dug up a very interesting stone vase. It was found about 3 feet below the surface of the ground, and was quite elaborately decorated.

A few weeks ago the writer received a white metal Indian head penny of 1863, which her husband advised her to lay away.

July 29th, while out for a tramp the writer saw a flock of about one hundred Smith's Longspurs, two miles southeast of Osage. These birds have never been seen before south of the Arctic Circle at this time of the year. They were also seen by three of other persons at about the same time.

Mr. G. W. Bantz of North Verron, Ind., has what is called by those who have seen it, one of the most remarkable private collections in that part of the country. It consists of Indian axes, ceremonial stones, fints, pipes, guns, revolvers, daggers, swords, old books and magazines, in fact a collection that fill a room 20x80 ft. This is now for saie and the members of the Collectors Union can doubtless pick up some rare curios.

Mr. A. O. Philipp of Providence, R. I., whose work is that of a professional acrobat, writes that he and his partner are busy in Cleveland, Ohio, supervising the construction of an iron frame trampoline, or bounding table, the largest rigging of its kind ever built. Mr. Philipp is writing for us a series of articles on the big museums in this country, the first one to appear in next issue

Every cent spent with our ads will make a better paper for you. Be sure and mention the WEST when writing all Advertisers.

# CHECK LIST OF U. S. HALF DOLLARS.—By A. L. Krum, Reading, Pa.

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New Orleans mint
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# NEBRASKA STATE PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Dear Members:—The secretary tells me that so far only a few of the whombers have remitted their dues for 1916. I want to request that those of you who have not done this, would do so at once as it will save us all a good deal of time. Why not get some friend to join and send in his application with your dues? In this way you will help us reach the 200 mark before the next convention, which is our aim.

The Sales department has several circuits of stamps ready to send out. Who wants to receive them? There is some pretty good "stuff" in them too, I am told. It is time this department and the Exchange department were getting a start, so write the managers of them at once. They are waiting.

Fraternally yours, W. C. Ahlmann, President. NEW MEMBERS.

61. H. J. Schmidt, Box 62, Oakland Sta., Pittsburgh, Pa. 28, Stamp dealer, Ref. C. A. Killingworth, 3525 Louisa Sa. E. W. Reno, c-o Spear & Co., Penn Ave., Prop. by Reuben Ahlmann.

62. John Winnberg, 113 Main St., Jamestown, N. Y. 55, Druggist, Ref. A.

P. S. 4253. S. P. A. 972. Prop. by Rotnem.

63. I. C. Greene, Box 342, Fitchburg, Mass. 47, Ice and Coal Dealer. Ref. A. P. S., S. P. A., etc. Prop. by Lindquist.

64. J. Eustace Guest, Commerce Sta., Mineapolis, Minn. Legal, Lawyer,

Ref. Member A. P. S., S. P. A., etc. Prop. by Rotnem .

On Recruiting.—I am glad to notice that two more of our members are active in trying to boost our membership. We hope that Brothers Lindquist and Rotnen will continue the good work. Why not some of the others get busy and help reach that 200. Member Rotnem has a good plan in use. He is offering a stamp cataloguing 50c free, to the person who will join our society using his blank. We would be glad to hear of any other plans for securing members that others might have. Suggestions always welcome.

Fraternally yours, Reuben W. Ahlmann. Secretary.

FINDS 1775 \$6 BILL IN OLD BIBLE-MAY NET HIM \$1,000.

From his grandfathers family Bible, discolored with the attic dust of twenty years, fluttered a \$6 bill yesterday to make a Happy New Year for William Waidleigh, of Jersey City. His chum, Harry Jacobson, who has a half interest in the discovery, has been told that this scrap of paper, 3½ by 3, and 140 years old, is worth nearer \$1,000 than its face value.

"This bill entitles the bearer to receive six Spanish dollars, or the value thereof in gold or silver, according to resolution of Congressp assed at Philadelphia November 29, 1775," are the words on one side and "Continental Currency" on the other. It is numbered 32852, bears the signatures of A. Bunner and William Webb, and was made by Hall & Sellers, at Philadelphia.

## TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. - San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 20, 1916.

Dear Members:—Our showing this month, while the list of applicants is not as large as it was last month, indicates that we are growing steadily and surely, and I am gratified to note the manner in which Texas collectors are coming to the support of their state association.

Two-thirds of our members are located in Texas, the largest state in the TUnion, as we all know, and we should like to have our society attain a similar

position, the largest state philatelic association in the country

We desire to enlist every stamp cellector in Texas in our ranks, and we especially invite all collectors in the adjoining states to unite with us. The first business report of our Sales Superintendent appears this month,

The first business report of our Sales Superintendent appears this month which shows that good stamps have been entered in the Department.

The Association has purchased a copy of Scott's 1916 Catalogue for its library, and will later add the leading foreign catalogues for the benefit of our \*monbers.

I should like to see every member get busy and secure at least one new member within the next two or three months in order that we can double our membership. Let this te our aim. Edward W. Heusinger, President.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, January 20th, 1916.

To the Members of the Texas Philatelic Association:—The Sales Department is now in good working order and I have received to date twenty-six books, valued at \$590.06, which are now on circuits. These books contain many bargains, and the stamps generally are in very fine shape and desirable specimens. We need more members to take out circuits, and we need more books for circulation from our members, and I would be glad to send application blanks to anyone writing for same.

The rules of the Department are printed on the back of the blank sales books, which may be secured from me for five cents each, and the books should

be prepared and arranged according to these rule

This Department cannot be made a dumping ground for common stamps or stamps in poor condition, as collectors will not purchase stamps of this character. There is a demand for good stamps at reasonable prices, particularyl United States postage, British Colonies, 20th Century and stamps produced by the present European war. If you desire any information in regard to entering stamps or receiving circuits, please write me direct.

Charles Roemer, Sales Superintendent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.—San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 20, 1916.

Wm. J. Prinzing, Greenville, Texas. 29, Jeweler. Proposed by H. S. Parsons. Charles Pasche, 122 W. Locust St., Davenport, Ia. 52, Farm Mortgages. Proposed by Charles Roemer. Charles King, 53 High St., Wincanton, Somersetshire, England. 48, Business Management. Proposed by Charles Roemer.

Wm. B. Mitchell, Normanna, Texas. 57, Railway Agent. Proposed by H. S.

Parsons. Louis Lenz, 908 Southern Pacific Bldg., Houston, Texas. 30, Civil Engineer.

Proposed by H. S. Parsons. Henry Rabe, 110 W. Commerce St., San Antonio, Texas. 33, Merchant. Pro-

posed by Charles Roemer.

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED .- 51. L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebr. 52. T. E. Flick, Galveston, Texas. 53. E. P. Hoefle, Velasco, Texas. 54. Wm. E. Dowser, El Paso, Texas, 55, Henry G. Miller, El Portal, Cal. 56, L. B. Lincoln, Chicago, Ill. 57. Fred Michael, Chicago, Ill. 58. F. R. Hayworth, Wichita, Ks. 59. Mrs. Ed C. Schroeder, San Antonio, Texas. 60. Barry MacNutt, South Bethlehem, Pa. 61, William Lycett, Brooklyn, N. Y. 62, Chas, W. Arp, San Francisco, Calif.

It is interesting to note that one of the applicants this month is Mr. Wm. Mitchell, who was a member of the Association in 1896, twenty years ago, when it was first organized. I trust that every other ex-member will follow Mr. Mitchell's example and again join the T. P. A.

Many members have paid their 1916 dues, and I would be pleased to hear from all other members at an early date.

As a special inducement to secure new members, I am authorized by our President, Mr. Heusinger, to offer to each applicant one copy of his International Stamp and Coin Collectors and Dealers Address Book, which has heretofore been on sale at one dollar per copy, for the small sum of twenty-five cents. This book contains the names and addresses of thousands of collectors and is worth many times the price asked to any collector or dealer, particularly those desiring to get into communication with foreign correspondents. If any of our old members desire a copy of this book, kindly let me know and I will puote a special price on the book. This is an opportunity that should not be neglected.

Include twenty-five cents with your application, if you are a new member, and mention the fact that you desire a copy of the Address Book. If you are not a subscriber of The Philatelic West, include another twenty-five cents, either with your application, or with remittance for your 1916 dues, and this magazine will be sent to you one year,

How many collectors wish to avail themselves of these generous offers? H you do not have an application blank, write for one at once.

H. S. Parsons, Secretary-Treasurer,

The Newark Mineralogical Society, organized Nov. 7th, 1915, at their De cember meeting had an exhibit and discussion on "Pectolie." At their January meeting "Datolite" and "Apophyllite" was exhibited and an interesting talk on same was given. Several new names for membership were favorably acted upon. President Colton has offered us the use of the library in the Newark Technical School. This well equipped library will be of great assistance to the members. A Constitution and By-Laws is now in force, and the dues have been set at \$1 per year with no initiation fee. While it was organized mainly for New Jersey collectors anyone, no matter where they live, will be acceptable as members if good reference is furnished. At our February meeting the subject Stilbite and Heulandite will come up for discussion. Wm. H. Broadwell, Sec'y.

#### ODDS AND ENDS OF GENERAL INTEREST-By J. K. Smith, Grand Rapids.

An unusually interesting Confederate document is in the possession of Mr.

J. L. Sheppard of Charleston, a Confederate veteran who served from the
start to finish of the Civil War. From the description of the owner we quote;
"At the time Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor was invested by our S. C.
troops, I was serving in the Moultrie Guards, First Regiment of Rifles, S. C.
Army, and was on duty on Sullivan's Island immediately facing the said Fort.
I was acting as Orderly for the 'Officer of the Day,' Major Thoe, C. Barker, on
duty the night April 12th, 18s1, when our forces opened fire on Fort Sumter.
About 4 o'clock in the early morning I was serving a detail, written out by the
'Officer of the Day' on the blank page of an old letter in pencil, and signed by
Major Barker. While on duty I saw the first shell we fired into the Fort from
our James Island battery. The order I preserved and is still in my possession."

John Brown, the Abolitionist, will always have a prominent place in American History. The largest collection of relics relating to Brown, is owned by Dr. Thos. Featherstonhaugh of Washington, D. C.

An ante-bellum photograph of the paddle steamer "Isabel" is in the possection of Wr. J. B. Lanneau of Charleston. Before the Civil War this vessel ran between Charleston and Havara. Cubn. The vessel owes its place in history to the fact that it conveyed Major Anderson and his command, after the surrender of Fort Sumter, to the U. S. vessel waiting outside the harbor. The photograph measures 10x12 inches and is the only authentic picture in existence.

The Confederate Museum at Richmond, will soon regain possession of the silver plate that belonged to President Jefferson Davis, and used by his family during their tenancy of the "Confederate White House." At the fall of Richmond, the silver was placed in the keeping of Mr. Henry Daily of New York, who was a partner of Chas. O. Connor, afterwards chief counsel of President Davis in his trial. The widow of Mr. Daily intends to present the entire serrice to the Museum mentioned.

Letters written by the Confederate General N. B. Forrest during his War service are extremely rare. The dashing Cavalry leader was evidently a man who believed in action, and who had no fuith in the old saying, "The pen is mightier than the sword."

Would be pleased to hear from readers of the WEST who have letters and documents in their possession. Information regarding values will be cheerfully furnished, if you will send full description, and enclose return postage to J. K. Smitt, 419 Pine Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Miss Susan F. Sawyer of Pocahontas, Miss., a descendant of Patrick Henry, has a number of interesting mementoes connected with the Virginia patriot, including a book presented by the Marquise de Lafayette.

#### NEBRASKA NOTES AND ITEMS OF INTEREST.

#### By Samuel P. Hughes, Howe, Nebr.

The Philippine Island collection of the late Dr. McGrew of Auburn has just been shipped to the State Historical Society at Lincoln. The collection was arranged for in the doctor's will recently probated, and includes many almost priceless relies of his island possession. The collection comprises hundreds of implements and artifacts of the native Philippinos obtained by Burch, the only son of the doctor, while he was Superintendent of Schools in Manilla. Mr. McGrew was for a number of years a schoolmate of the writer, and was greatly interested in all historical matters. During his residence in the islands, he, with his only sister, was drowned by the upsetting of a boat in Manilla bay. In the collection sent the Society at Lincoln, were many Indian relies picked up in this county and donated to the County Association while Mrs. McGrew was secretary. The value of such a collection can not be estimated in monetary values as each and every specimen was not only authentic, but was gathered by persons well acquainted with such matters.

James E. Ryan of Indianola has just donated to the State Publicity Bureau, a map, four by five feet, composed entirely of the grains grown in Nebraska, The map is in detail and each county plainly marked in the colors by the different cereals grown in the state. A map of this kind is one of the greatest educational features ever attmpted by anyone in the west. The resources of a great agricultural state are not only shown, but the wonderful producing value of the state are depicted in no uncertain manner.

The skeleton of an almost complete mastodon has recently been unearthed in Boyd county, near the town of Bristow. With the remains of this great monster were also found many bones of the primitive horse, but those of the camel, deer and other extinct animals that roamed over the vast plains of this state millions of years ago. The work was in charge of Professor Eaton of the State University, and he with numerous assistants spent just eighteen days in excavating this monster of the ages of long ago.

One interesting part of the discovery is the fact that this peculiar mastodon had four tusks instead of two. Some idea of the size of this particular animal may be obtained, when it is remembered that the lower jaw bone was just five feet long. Dr. Barbour, curator of the State Museum, is now engaged in setting up the bones in the University Museum.

There was recently held in York, Nebr., a large display of needle work and of the domestic science department of the public schools. Among the interesting objects shown was a quit that was 100 years old and another composed of 26.000 pieces. The latter quilt is the property of Mrs. Vera Cogel of York. While along this line, the writer might mention that there is a quilt in the family that has been in continual use since 1796, also an old fashioned bed spread made of wool, red and white, that was made the same year. These articles, along with a lot of silverware and trinkets, have been in the family since the revolution.

#### INDIANAPOLIS BRANCH OF SOUTHERN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION,

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On Wednesday, January 19th, the Indianapolis Branch at its second regular meeting for this month, elected the following officers for 1916. President: Dr. R. J. Kemper; Sec.-Treas., F. A. Curtis; Sales and Exchange Mgr., G. E. Fiscus. Members present or represented by proxy were Dr. R. J. Kemper, E. W. Harris, C. A. Ploch, G. E. Fiscus, G. L. Stayman, B. F. Noble, Merkle Cramer, E. T. Wallis, F. A. Curtis, Halan Fiscus. Any collector in Indianapolis wishing to join our society, is cordially invited to come to any of our meetings and get acquainted. For further particulars address the secretary of our society, Mr. F. A. Curtis, 3240 Kenwood Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana

Jan. 17th Washington Branch No. 5 of the S. P. A. held its fifth meeting in rooms 406-407, Bond Building, 14th St. and New York Ave, N. W., with a full attendance being 44.

The Branch was honored with the presence of Mr. Clifford W. Kissinger, President of the S. P. A. from Reading, Pa., and the Hon. Luther W. Mott, Member of Congress from Oswego, N. Y., who is a member of Branch No. 5. Both entertained the members and visitors present with speeches replete with philatelic details. Congressman Mott was by a rising vote extended a vote of thanks for his remarks, which was extended to him in writing by the Resolutions Committee, Messrs. Martin R. Howland, Everett A. Colson and James C. Wilson of the S. P. A. Recruiting Committee which was responded to by our distinguished member with appropriate remarks. President Kissinger spoke quite at length upon the next Convention of the S. P. A. to be held in Washington next August and was assured the Washington Branch would leave nothing undone to make the Convention the largest ever held, and to entertain the members royally

Among those present as visitors and applicants were Messrs. Jefferson Jones, Kolbe Curtice, Charles T. Smith, P. J. Ryan attorney and editor of The Plate Printer, Wm. M. Stuart, Miles E. Rost, E. L. Rost, W. H. Abbott. The members present were: Messrs. Gorham, Dubkhorst, Mason, W. P. Colman, Colson, Darr, Leavy, Wilson, Collins, Cooke, Thompson, Johnson, Hammelman, Martin, Tracy, Burfeind, Loomis, Sahm, Adolph Mayer, J. E. Mayer, Hungerford, Howland, Clemens, Brohaugh, Hatzakordzinn, McBride, Caton, Lewis, Hon. Luther W. Mott, Schmidt, Lantz, Caudell, Loving Merz, and President Clifford W. Kissinger. The following telegram was received: "Regret absence. Wish all enjoyable and profitable evening. Trust every member's name appears in advertising column, nineteen sixteen year book. Lewis M. Lang." A suitable stelegraphic reply was sent to Mr. Lang.

President Gorham presented the Branch with 500 printed letterheads and

Interesting remarks were made by the members and visitors present, after which the meeting was closed and an auction sale of stamps conducted by Acting Auctioneer, J. B. Leavy.

Branch No. 8 of the S. P. A., at Medina, O., held a meeting Jan. 7, 1916. All members were present. Lots of stamps on hand and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres., S. H. Brainard; V. Pres., O. E. Crofoot: Sec.-Treas., Silas Weatherby. Meetings to be held on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. On the 15th of February they expect to hold a boys contest of 45 boy Scouts, all more or less interested in stamps, coins, etc.

H. R. Hendricks, Box 711, Waxahachie, Texas, would like to hear from collectors in his part of state. He wishes to organize a Branch of the S.P.A.

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#### NEW MEMBERS.

- 149. George E. Johnson, 135 Pleasant St., Brunswick, Maine. Stamps.
- 150. J. E. Moore, 1703 Griffin St., Dallas, Texas. Post Cards.
- 151. F. May Tuttle, Osage, Iowa. Curio Colelctor.
- 152. H. R. Hendricks, Box 711, Waxahachie, Texas. Stamp Dealer.
- Lloyd G. Snow, 2 South Campers Pl., Valparaiso, Ind. Late address. Do not wait for an application blank but send in today and tell us what you collect. We give the finest membership roll ever put out in this line.

Address all letters to C. H. Saint, Sec., Waxahachie, Texas.

#### ST. CLAIR COLLECTORS CLUB

#### NEW MEMBERS.

39. Otto Schmidt, 3417 Barnes St., Philadelphia, Pa. Exchange with collectors having less than 3000 stamps.

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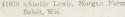
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#### EDITORIAL CORNER.

The S. P. A. Year Book has finally appeared and we venture the assertion that it is a surprise to every member. Mr. Lang certainly deserves a gold medal from the Society for the magnificent book which he has published. It far surpasses anything ever issued by the society and will stand as a monument to his memory. Every member should read this carefully, consider the things that were done at the last Convention and if you think of any improvements to be made, speak out for the good of the Society.

To prove to the stamp fans that the WEST is always for anything which will better organized philately, we are going to offer a page ad to the dealer who secures the most new members of the S. P. A. before the next Convention. This contest is open to all our advertisers, whether you belong to the Society or not and we will count the members obtained from April 1st to the closing date. Now get busy, application blanks can be obtained from the Publisher, Editor or Secretary Webb. This is something which can easily be done and besides helping your business financially, will bring considerable pleasure.

The time is now here to think of your officers for the next year in the S. P. A. Your officers should be ones who will give the society matters careful attention and work always for the best interests of the entire membership.

We have been favored with a corer from Montreal, Can., which shows the new cancellation in use. This consists of Montreal, Que., in one line and underneath the date. The stamp is apparently run through two knives which cut the face and thereby prevent its use again. This may be alright for the Government, but where will the "condition" crank come in?

Mr. W. H. Robinson, a large dealer of Brisbane, Australia, submits a cut a rarity which has been discovered in the 1807 issue 66 green, Queensland, which contains the figure 6 only in the lower corners. He claims there are only two copies known and only asks the modest price of 100 pounds for one. Look through your duplicates, you may find one.

We have been favored with some relies from the great struggle in Europe. Mr. Hans Heid of No. 6 Arnoldsplaz, Strassburg, Germany, sent several varieties of the German bread cards, one of which will be illustrated in next issue. Mr. Heid states he has saved a few of these and would be glad to supply our readers for \$1.00 per card, but would much prefer to trade them for stamps. He also submits an old 5 pfennig piece made of nickel and the new coin which is now made of iron. These are interesting relies. If you write Mr. Heid it will be necessary to register all letters in order to have them delivered.

We are in receipt of a clipping giving some odd ways in which some postmasters keep an account of their sales. One official in Maine has a record which is certainly unique, using a kidney bean for each letter and a pea bean for each card. The article is too long to reproduce.

We are glad to note that Sales Manager Guest has announced that he will be a candidate for re-election. We have watched with interest the conduct of this department under his management and feel sure that the methods he has employed and the service rendered, has met with the approval of the members. When it is taken info consideration that he has only had the position since last September and now has nearly 800 books in circulation, with a value of over \$13,000, we believe the members will express their appreciation by their vote in the next election.

The March issue made aunouncement in regard to the contest for the best articles on Numismatics or Coins. The contest will not close until May first, and all communications should be addressed to Thomas L. Elder, 32 East 23rd Street, New York City.

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT .- March 10, 1916.

In addressing you this month, I feel it is my duty and also a pleasure to express my admiration of the co-operation of the officers and the members in obtaining applicants as shown in the wonderful reports published month by month during 1916. The officers have done noble work, and it is a great pleasure to know that the individual members of the association are at work and to see each member propose a new member monthly conveys to me remarkable enthusiasm for which I find that mere words are inadequate to express my appreciation.

Today, on the Threshold of another spring, when ambitions soar highest, let us all remember that although we want new members and many of them, it is necessary that we have quality also, and I would urge each member to be careful that the members they propose should have the required standing and if we have quality as well as numbers, I believe that we will be the strongest organization in America. The officers have offered many improvements for the betterment of the organization and I have at least a dozen suggestions that will be acted upon at the Washington convention.

Following closely upon the convention in August, we can apply for a Fedgral Charter and instead of getting just an annual card as heretofore, we will have an elegani engraved certificate which we will be proud to show to our Philatelic and other friends. It will not be a hard matter to get a Federal Charter for we have with us in membership the well known Republican Congressman, the Honorable Luther W. Mott, and I have every reason to believe that we have several others who are about to join who will help us to get this Charter.

Do not forget to use your Departments,—the exchange, sales, auction and library. You will get more benefits if you use them. If you do not use them, you do not know of what service they can be to you. Get in touch with these different departments and see what wonderful work they are carrying on.

During the course of the next month I shall make my appointments for Resident Vice President for Cities, State and Country complete and I would like members who are anxious to serve in Cities of over 25,000 in population as Vice President of said City to notify me and if I have the assurance that they will try their level best to organize branch societies in said localites, I will be mighty glad to give them a trial before the Washington convention as we want to have a great many more branch societies, and I think by appointing Vice Presidents in Cities of considerable size it will not be long before a branch would be started. Philadelphia will be Branch No. 11, Bethlehem will have Branch No. 12, and the Medina, Ohio, branch society is making wonderful progress.

The Year Book has been issued, and is the best and finest looking book ever printed for the S. P. A. I.Lis a great credit to the committee of three who have spent a number of their leisure hours to complete this handsome book.

Several notices have been sent to some of the delinquents and we have not heard from them. If you want to be reinstated, Secretary Webb will be only too glad to take your application. Five Cents a month is a very small item to continue membership. Who hasn't got Five Cents to continue membership in the S. P. A.? It is a very foolish thing to suppose that the non-paid up members have not done so because they did not have the money. I believe it is an oversight, for all stamp collectors have money; that is my impression and I have met many stamp collectors since I have been affiliated with Philatelic organizations. I hope that all the members that have not paid up will be reinstated during the next month.

The Washington convention will be a wonderful one and you will find that August 15, 16 and 17th, will be banner days for the Southern Philatelic Association for as said before, I know the plans of the Washington boys and know just how royally they can entertain. Besides, Washington is the home of the stamp and you will want to come and meet Mr. J. B. Levy, who has charge of the wonderful Government stamp collection at the National Museum. I had the pleasure of meeting him on my last visit to Washington, and I know he will be glad to show you every courtesy.

With my best wishes for a Happy Easter, I am Fraternally yours,

Clifford W. Kissinger, President.

April 4, 1916.—My Allentown office reports to me that Mr. John J. McKean, Vice President in South Bethlebem, has arranged to hold the first Branch meeting in that city within the next few weeks and great preparations are being made for said meeting. It is my desire to be present on that occasion and if this address is printed before this time, I wish all the members within a radius of thirty-five miles of South Bethlehem would communicate with either John C. McKean or Howard M. Fry, of that place and make arrangements to attend the meeting. I am sure they will not regret it as South Bethlehem has some very enthusiastic members, so if you live near this city do not fall to be present. I will be only too glad to welcome you and extend the hand of good fellowship to all.

Clifford W. Kissinger, President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT -APPLICATIONS.

2221. N. S. Nedergaard, Torvegade 10, Skive, Denmark. C. V. Webb.

2222. Tracy S. Newton, Box 179, La Grange, Ga. 33, Auditor. C. V. Webb.

2223. Walter Leach, 42 Public Sq., Medina, O. 16, Clerk. S. H. Brainard. 2224. Ora E. Stark, Box 1135, Omaha, Nebr. Legal, Pub. J. E. Guest.

2225. P. H. Leese, Leese, Wash. 65. C. V. Webb.

2226 N. R. Hoover, 301 East Swon Ave., Webster Groves, Mo. 36, Newspaper.

C. V. Webb.
2227. William Robb, 350 Calif. St., San Francisco, Cal. 24, Stenographer. O. G.

Beardslee. 2228. G. P. Kettlewell, Box 204, Calistoga, Cal. 25, Assistant Bank Cashier.

C. V. Webb.

2229. J. E. Harvey, Markle, Ind. 49, Hardware. C. V. Webb.

2230. John Weed, Centreville. Mich. 24, Stamp Dealer. Ralph Spray.

2231. Virgil M. Teach, Box 26, Havelock, Ia. 16, Student. V. C. Hanna. 2232. H. E. Derr, 350 Nold Ave., Wooster, Ohio. 32, Cashier. C. V. Webb.

2233. Eugene C. Pichard, Box 2049, Bisbee, Ariz. 26, Railroad Clerk. Webb.

2234. J. M. Junkins, Bryant, S. D. 21, Gen'l Electrician. V. W. Rotnem.

2235. Edw. W. Heath, 60 Front St., Waterville, Maine. 50, Lumber. Gorham. 2236. N E. Capadia, Esmail Bldg., Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, India. 29,

Stamp Dealer, Jerome G. Wolf. 2237. Gladstone Perry, Care Bank of Hamilton, Mitchell, Ont., Canada. 30,

Bank Manager. H. R. Hendricks. 2238. R. S. Rollins, 211 So. Huntington St., Medina, Ohio. 33, Foreman Machinist. Silas Weatherby.

2239 J. L. Th. Heldewier Vignon, Box 31, Curacao, Dutch West Indies. 51, Merchant and Real Estate. Percy Watson.

- 2240. Manuel Tous Soto, Mayor St., Ponce, Porto Rico. 35, Attorney. Dr. J. M. Suarez.
- 2241. Thad T. Huffman, Keyser, W. Va. 37, P.M. Albert E. Gorham.
- 2242. Hayden C. Mills, Ferry, Wash. 18, Stamp Dealer. A. A. Jones.
- 2243. Jules M. Henriot, 1170 St. Johns Pl., Brooklyn, N. Y. 36, Designer Engraver. C. V. Webb.
- 2244. H. G. Frabe, 1123 San Pasqual St., Santa Barbara, Cal. 27, Laborer. Webb
- 2245, Ronald A. Vestev, 110 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. 18. L. T. Brodstone,
- 2246. E. P. Valkenburgh, Box 263, Midletown, N. Y. 36, Architect. Brodstone
- 2247. Edward Ernest Goodchild, 291 Sherbrooke West, Montreal, Que., Canada. 35, Newspaer Mgr. F. P. Robins.
- 2248. C. L. Moreau, Lake Mahopac, N. Y. Legal, Stamp Dealer. Brodstone.
- 2249. Miss Juliet Patten, 1824 23rd St., N. W., Washington, D. C. Legal. (No proposer name on application.)
- 2250. E. B. McPherson, Turk St. and Masonic Ave., San Francisco, Cal. 44, Cemetery Supt. C. V. Webb.
- Cemetery Supt. C. V. Webb.

  2251. Harrington Adams, Box 45. Fostoria, Ohio. 25. Dancing Instructor, Gues
- 2252. H. A. S. Backer, Cor. Dauphine and Piety Sts., New Orleans, La. 58, Cashier. J. E. Guest.
  - 2253. Edward A. Reed, 287 Broadway, Methuen, Mass. 15, Student. Webb.
  - 2254. J. M. Raine, Evenwood, W. Va. 30, Supt. Howard M. Fry.
- 2255. Gustav H. Moeller, 715 Whitesboro St., Utica, N. Y. 29, Machinist, Webb.
  2256. Francis M. Bigelow, 209 19th Ave., Maywood. Ill. 32, Accountant. C. A.
- Bigelow. 2257. Thorn Smith, 325 W. Ferry, Detroit, Mich. Legal, Chemical Engineer.
- Victor W. Rotnem. 2258. Chas. N. Silas, 231 Middle St., Georgetown, Demerara, Br. Guiana. 38.
- C. P. Sutton.
- 2259. Charles J. Reese, 1132 Ainslie St., Chicago, Ill. 19, Advertising. Guest.
- 2260. Mrs. J. R. D. Matheson, Govt. Works, Elizabethtown, N. C. C. V. Webb. 2261. Chas. Wm. Gramm, 1591 T. 18 St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 36, Salesman. H. F.
- Christensen. Christensen.
  - 2262. Alan W. Scott, Box 632, Regina, Sask., Canada. 15, Student. C. V. Webb.
- 2263. Willis Fountain, Mount Perry, Ohio. C. V. Webb.
- 2264. Fred H. Gundry, Plein St., Caledon, Cape Province, S. Africa. Klotzbach. 2265. John Cargill, 3656 Frankford Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 72, Factory Supt.
- 2266. Arthuro Bori Trillas, Box 151, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. Merchant.Zamora.
- 2267. I. Leland Steinman, 503 Market St., R. 805, San Francisco, Cal. Legal.
  - 2268. M. A. Gantz, Box 75, Troy, Ohio. 29, Civil Engineer. C. V. Webb.
- 2269. Edward J. Norden, Lugano, Gentilino, Switzerland. 37. L. T. Brodstone.
- 2270. J. H. Davis Reynolls, R. 3, Box 26, Gladwin, Mich. 20, Farmer. Webb. 2271. Sidney Wollberg, 1924 17th N. W., Washington, D. C. 44, Salesman.
- L. M. Lang. 2272. E. P. Capen, 1516 Hawthorne Ave., Mineapolis, Minn. 60, Retired. Guest.
- 2273. Erich Parche, Box 57, Brightwood, Mass. 27, Merchant. C. V. Webb. 2274. Mrs. Wm. Lycett, 323 Clintonton St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Legal, Housewife. Wm. Lycett.
- 2275. Eugene N. Costales, 173 Hale Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. 21, Clerk. Lycett.

2276. Rev. Thomas Huss, Box 133, Leesburg, N.J. 48, M.E. Minister. Brodstone 2277. N. F. Beck, Box 1965, Pisbee, Ariz. 34, Window Dresser. C. V. Webb. 2278. Arthur A. C. Mills, 50 A Street, Echota, Niagara Falls, N. Y. 24. Burns 2279. Adam Ripper, Box 22, Corydon, Ia. 58, Stamp Collector. L.T. Brodtone. 2280. W. H. Slaton, Temple, Pa. 36, Merchant. L. T. Brodstone.

REINSTATED.—260. Stanley B. Ashbrook, 720 Union Trust Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio. 90.1 Paul W. Riedell, Box 400, Schenectady, N. Y. 1587. M. H. Weber, Sixth and Oak Sts., Newport, Ky.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Wm. S. Shultz, Kenmore, Ohio. J. D. Kelley, 715 2nd St., Watervliet, N. Y. Lynn Crandall, Jerome, Idaho. E. K. Seyd, Cobleskill, N. Y. John H. Chapman, 652 Main St., Lafayette, Ind. Wm. F. Works, Brookfield, Mass. J. A. Gunnarscn, 3031 4 St. N., Minneapolis, Minn. Maury Swartz, Care U. S. Engineers 1133, Ft. Screven, Ga.

DROPPED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.—Names arranged in alphabetical order and numbers listed that way here: A.—1498, 456, 1748, 1606, 63, 1673, 1687, 1751, 1746. B.—1747, 864, 1499, 1526, 1428, 1676, 1417, 1174, 1487, 1548, 941, 1383, 1616, 1048, 1189, 1539, 1492, 1136. C.—1506, 1100, 1732, 1538, 1294, 1745, 1661, 1629. D.—1817, S92, 1527, 1581, 1154, 1778, 1752, 1573, 1749. E.—1374, 657, 18°, 1061. F.—1322, 1345, 1586, 1157. G.—1518, 846, 1252, 923, 805, 658, 1851, 1242, 1684, 1669, 1350, 1715. H.—1656, 1541, 1585, 1031, 151, 760, 1352, 894, 1713, 1397, 1781. J.—1402, 516, 882, 960. K.—1376, 1102, 13675. L.— 1556, 1104, 1682, 1362, 1744, 1399, 912, 1304, 1479, 1107, 1452. M.—1267, 1463, 845, 1813, 1424, 1515, 1655, 1341, 1685, 1623. N.—1571. O.—1451. P.—1773,1799, 1723, 1845, 1552, 1706, 1245, 1288, 1602. R.—1447, 1278, 1750, 1716, 1427, 1120, 1562, 1678, 293, 1502. S.—550, 1306, 1778, 950, S53, 1561, 415, 1317, 1671, 822, 1837, 965, 1580, 1055, 1266, 1200. T.—1299, 1475, 1774. U.—1588. V.—1570. W.—

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY.—Total membership, March 3, 1916, 1315.
Neinstated, 3. Dropped, 153. Total membership, April 4th, 1916, 1234.

ON RECRUITING.—Mr. Brodstone offers a page ad to the dealer who will secure the most new members before convention time. Do you want this page ad in the WEST? Who has other offers? The standing: C. V. Webb, 93; L. T. Brodstone, 48; J. E. Guest, 41; C. W. Kissinger and Victor W. Rotnem, 20 each; Albert E. Gorham, 17; H. R. Hendricks, 10; H. E. Klotzbach, 9; Jerome G. Wolf, 7; L. B. Farvour, E. Androchowicz and A. A. Jones, 6; Wm. Lycett, Burt McCann, Herbert Klein and O. G. Beardslee, 5; Benj. P. Allen, L. J. Ragatz, E. T. Wallis, W. H. Kinard, Parke M. Lawrence, E. L. Fischer and H. M. Fry, 4. L. M. Lang, Chas. W. Ritchie, H. A. Bernard, R. W. Ahlmann, R. H. Eilers, Ellas Weatherby, S. H. Brainard, H. F. Christensen, 3; following 2 each: C. P. Sutton, E. P. Seebohm, J. J. Zamora, M. Ohlman, H. C. Burns, M. R. Houdlette, Justin Miller, J. R. Fish, T. Russell Hungerford, W. P. Colman, H. F. Hovey, E. L. Weiss, E. E. Elster, F. R. Hayworth, J. N. Clarkson, Jr., Dr. J. M. Suarez, O. J. Richardson and F. P. Robins.

Dear Members:—All Year Books have been mailed. If you did not receive your copy, address the Secretary who will forward another.

Application 2198 should have read: 2503 East 86th St.

With best wishes to all members, I am, Very truly yours, C. V. Webb, Sec'v

### OFFICIAL CALL FOR THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

To the Members of the Southern Philatelic Association:—The next annual convention of this Association, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it, will be convened at Washington, D. C., on August 15th at 10:00 o'clock a. m., and upon succeeding days until all business shall have been disposed of in the proper manner.

I hereby appoint as chairman of the Credentials Committee, Frederick S.

Fox.

Convention headquarters will be at the Local Raleigh, Washington, D. C. Respectfully, Clifford W. Kissinger, President.

### EXCHANGE MANAGERS REPORT-March 1, 1916.

On hand as per last report, 184 books, catalogue value \$5314.30; received since then 8 books, catalogue value \$275.21, which makes a total of 192 books, catalogue value \$5589.51. Retired 4 books (from which \$70.07 was exchanged), original catalogue value \$77.80. Now on hand 188 books, catalog value \$5511.71.

INSURANCE FUND:—Amount on hand as per last report \$10.20, insurance on the 8 books received since last report, \$2.60. Total amount of insurance on hand \$12.80.

Members can see from the above report, that from the 4 books I retired last month, 90 per cent of the stamps had been exchanged. This ought to convince the most skeptical members, that the Exchange Dept. is the place to put your duplicates and exchange them for stamps that you need in your collection. If you have any good duplicates, get some blank books from me in which to mount them, and enter them in the Exchange Dept. The first Circuit that you receive will convince you that you have not made a mistake. Many members now participating in the Exchange Dept, wish that they had more duplicates to send in to the Exchange Dept. so that they might be able to take some of the good things that are offered.

I will also take this opportunity to explain to the many members that have asked me to send them the rules and regulations of the Exchange Dept. that I can only refer them to the S. P. A. year book. It would have been very easy for me, at practically little expense, to have the rules printed in small form, but I expected the new year book to be out almost any day since the first of the year, and so kept putting it off.

This also is the cause of my report falling down as it has in the last three months. I have no less than 100 letters right now from members who wish to participate in the Exchange Dept, who are asking for the rules of this Dept. Many of them have bought blank books, and although I have gone to the trouble to send many the main points of the Exchange Dept. rules, they seem to want to wait until they get a year book. Up until some time ago I referred them to our Secretary, Mr. C. V. Webb, thinking that he still had some copies of the 1915 year book, but he has written me that the supply is completely exhausted. I wish to say again that had I thought for a minute that the 1916 year book would not be out as heretofore, I would certainly have gone to the expense to have the Exchange Dept. rules printed in a small form. I trust that the above explanation will answer the inquiries that I have received.

Fraternally yours, E. T. Wallis, Exch. Mgr., 420 Saks Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.
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### MONTHLY NOTES ON FISCALS .- By Joseph C. Zanini, 2432 Morris Ave., N.Y.

### UNITED STATES:

The documentary values of the lower denominations of the current issue can be found in many variations of shades, due to the scarcity of the German dyes at The Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

I have to date found 20 distinct shades of the 2c value, 10 of the 3c and 25c

values, 8 of the 40c, and 7 of the 50c value.

A copy of the notice sent out by the Comptroller of The State of New York regarding the issuance of new design of Stock Transfer Stamps is as follows: "Please take notice that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 811 of the laws of stock transfer tax stamps, and that after the 6th day of March, 1916, none other than the new issue or design of stamps will be accepted or made use of in the payment of the tax. The new issue will be illustrated in the next issue of

Forbin is very inaccurate in his listing of the early Grenada revenues. A proper listing would be as follows: Issue 1875 Wmd large star, perf. 14, clean cut perforations, values: 1, 13/2, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9d; 1, 2, 5, 10, and 1 pound; orangeyellow and yellow-green. Issue of 1879 Wmd, small star; perf. 13, clean cut. yalues: 1, 2, 4d, 2; orange and deep yellow green. Issue of 1882 with small star wmd, perf. 141/2 rough, values: 1d, 1', 2', 5', 10', 1 pound, orange and blue green.

The Special Adhesive stamps of India of the issues of 1868 come with two different watermarks corresponding to those found on the foreign bill series, the first type having the wmd. Crown and India with a space of 25mm between and the word INDIA in wide letters while the second type the space between is but 23mm and INDIA is in narrower letters. Also of the 8 annas blue of the Special Adhesive series there are two types. In die 1 there is a scroll porjecting from the left of the lower part of the right 8. Die 8-this scroll does not appear and the left base of the A's are smaller.

Have received from a correspondent in Italy a new stamp of the Marca da Bollo series, viz: Issue 1915 Centesimi 65 surch, on the 50c 1905 issue.

Newfoundland has issued new Inland Revenue stamps bearing the portrait of King George, values at hand are the 5c orange, 10c green and 25c blue.

From advices from Germany I learn that the proposed increase of postal. telegraph and telephone rates, comprising a part of the war taxation scheme has been submitted to the Bundesrat. The schedule provides for a surtax of 5 pfennigs on ordinary letters, 2 pfennigs on postal cards and local delivery letters, 25 pfennigs on every telegram, and 20 per cent increase in telephone charges. The rates on parcel post packages, money orders, special delivery letters, and other postal matter are also increased. This will no doubt cause the issuance of a large number of new revenue stamps and mean a further addition to our albums as a souvenir of the Great War.

Every cent spent with our ads will make a better paper for you. Be sure and mention the WEST when writing all Advertisers.

### A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY .-- By Bertram W. H. Poole.

(Continued from last issue.)

BALTIMORE.—The largest city in the State of Maryland, and the sixth in population in the whole of the United States. It is situated on an arm of Chesapeake Bay, and was founded in 1729, Its handsome monuments to Washington and George Peabody and the Battle Monument commemorating the citizens who fell defending the city against the British in 1314 have earned for it the name of "Monumental City." In 1845-6 special 5c and 10c stamps and envelopes were issued by the then Postmaster of the city, Mr. James M. Buchanan, to facilitate the prepayment of postage. These continued in use until they were superseded by the general issue for the United States on August 5th, 1847. In 1851 a semi-official postal service was established for the delivery of letters from the postoffice to addressees and in connection with this special 1c stamps were issued.

BANCO Y CASA RF MONEDA.—(Bank and Mint)—The establishment at which the Buenos Ayres stamps were printed.

BANGKOK.—The capital of Siam at which a British Post Office was maintained from 1882 until 1886. Straits Settlements stamps overprinted with a large capital "B" were used at this office. (See also "B").

BANK AN INSURANCE.—An inscription shown on some of the labels issued in connection with Hussey's local post of New York.

BARBACAOS.—A town in the department of Cauca, Colombia, having a population of about 13,000. An alarming series of type-set labels were issued at this town in 1903.

BARBADOS.—An island in the West Indies situated about 125 miles east of the chain of the Lesser Antilles. It is nearly 21 miles long, 14 miles broad at its widest part, while its total area is 166 square miles. Its population, numbering about 197,000, consists chiefly of negroes or colored people, whose chief occupation is the cultivation of sugar. Its capital, Bridgetown, is a port of call, where passengers and goods from Europe are transhipped to the steamers that run north to the Virgin Islands and southwards to Trinidad. The island was given the name of Barbados by the Portuguese, on account of the bearded fig trees found there. It has been a Birtish colony since 1605, though it was not settled to any great extent until 1625. In 1885 it was constituted a distinct government with a Governor, aided by an Executive Council and Executive Committee, a Legislative Council of nine members, appointed by the soverign, and a House of Assembly of 24 members elected yearly on the basis of a moderate franchise. The first postage stamps for Barbados were issued on April 17th, 1852.

BARCLAY & FRY.—A firm of London printers who engraved and printed the 1893 stamps for Shanghai.

BARKHAUSEN, L.—Designer of the first type of postage due stamps issued in Egypt.

BARNARD, J.—A watchmaker and jeweller of Port Louis, Mauritius, who engraved the dies from which the now famous "Post Office" Mauritius stamps issued in 1847 were printed. He also engraved the plates for the "Post Paid" stamps of 1848 which took the plate of the 1874 issue.

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### THE UNITED STATES TWO CENT POSTAGE STAMP OF THE FIRST DESIGN OF THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING.

Paper read by Mr. H. Hemmelman before Washington, D. C., Philatelic Society.

On the 30th of June everything at New York was cleared up and the busi-

The 30 and 90 cent values were discontinued October 31st, 1894, at which

time a large quantity of 8 cent stamps were still on hand.

After the awarding of the contract to the Bureau it was decided not to alter the general designs of the stamps then in use, but to add to them a mark by which they might be distinguished from those made by previous contractors. ner. Each triangle has the top and outer side parallel to the adjacent top and side of the stamp, and the inner side slightly curved to correspond to the curve of the medallion. Within the inner triangle there is a small colored dot at the middle of each of the three sides.

There are three varieties of the triangle: Type I. The horizontal lines of the background are of equal thickness within and without the triangle. Type II. The lines are thinner within the triangle than without. Type III. The space between the double lines of the triangle is blank and the lines in the inner triangle are thin.

At first all values had the triangle of Type I, afterwards Type II and III were used on the two cent stamps only. Plate 17C of the two cents presents an interesting variety. In the upper left quarter, the first three vertical rows at

the left side are of Type II, the balance of the plate is of Type III. At first a soft, porous, wove paper was used, similar in quality to that em-

ployed by the American Bank Note Company, though not showing as coarse a "weave." Afterwards other varieties appeared. In 1895 an attempt was made to counterfeit the two cent stamp and, as a check upon such frauds, a watermark was introduced into the paper. When the watermark was first used it was so faint that it was often difficult to discover any trace of it and, as a preventive of forgeries it was of little or no value. But, in the course of time it was improved and made more distinct.

The watermark consists of letters U S P S in double-lined Roman capitals, 16mm, high. On each quarter sheet of one hundred stamps there are ten horizontal rows of nine letters each, so arranged as to read in regular order either upward, downward, to left or to right, from any starting point, U.S.P.S.

(To be Continued.)



# ACROSS THE POND ©

PHILATELY IN EUROPE.-Exclusive Correspondence of Philatelic West.

Among the latest war novelties are two of the stamps of Fiji, overprinted "War Stamp," similarly to the ½d New Zealand stamp with the overprint which was applied to denete the prepayment of the additional ½d tax on letters posted in the Dominion. The Fiji denominations are the ½d green and the 1d red; the overprint is in black in each case. Quoting Fred J. Melville, the well-known expert here, I see that owing to the introduction of the ½d tax on letters in New Zealand the 1½d denomination has suddenly leaped into great demand and it is under consideration to change the present recess-plate printed 1½d stamp for one printed in a similar design by the typographical process.

Over 1,000 stamp collectors and deslers have contributed rare stamps and collections to the National Philatelic War Fund, and their gifts will be auctioned on March 13 and 14; in aid of the British Red Cross and St. John of Jerusalem. Amongst the latest gifts of stamps are valuable selections from the Governor and the Colonial Secretary of Sierra Leone, and from the Court of Directors of the British North Borneo Company. The North Borneo stamps present include 200 sets, in sheets, of the company's current issue, from 1 cent to \$1, representing a face value of about \$70.

A special stamp has been engraved and printed for the National Philatelic War-Pund by Perkins, Bacon & Co. This firm produced the first British postage stamp in 1840, the famous "Penny Black," the simple beauty of which, in the opinion of philatelists, has never been excelled. The firm has presented the stamps as their contribution to the fund; there is a set of six colours, and they will be sold at 1d each, or 6d the set of six. The stamps may be obtained from all stamp dealers or from the hon secretary, Mr. L. L. R. Hansburg, Heathside,

Washridge Surrey

Two additional values are said to be in preparation in the Russian patirotic war fund set. This series already comprises the four denominations 1, 3, 7 and 10 kopees, each of which sells at 1 kopec over the postal value, the supplementary charge going to the fund established by the Imperial Women's Patriotic Union for the benefit of dependents of Russian soldiers and sailors. The new values are to be 2 and 5 kopecs respectively. On the lower value the subject represented is Russian artillery at work with cannon, and on the 5 kopecs is depicted a charge by Cossa-ks.

A new French series of stamps is reported as ready for distribution in

Morocco. The central vignettes are in black, and represent local scenes, within frames printed in distinctive colours. On the 1, 2 and 3 centimes, is a view of the Hassan Tower at Rabat; 5, 10 and 15 centimes, the view of Bab-el-Djedid; 20, 25 and 30 centimes, view of the ruins of Bab-Chillah; 35, 40 and 45 centimes, the "Koutoubia," at Marrakech; 50 centimes and 1f, view of Bab-Mansour at Meknes; and 2f, 5f, and 10f, view of the ruins of Volubilis, near Fez.

Collectors desiring souvenirs of the establishment of the Belgian chief post office at Stc. Adresse, Havre, France, may obtain them, and at the same time help the work for Belgian refugees, from M. Andre Sivan, 7, Rue Perdiguier, Avignon (Vaucluse). M. Sivan sends six pictorial postcards with assorted Belgian stamps for 5pf, or a series of eleven Belgian denominations affixed to an envelope (1 centime to 5 francs), for 25f. He is acting in connection with the Franco-Belgian Committee (L'Action Economique), which subsidies charities in aid of Belgian refuzees.

Sir James Yoxall, as all who know him are aware, leads a busy life as member of Parliament, secretary of the National Union of Teachers, and writer on literary and artistic subjects. His chief recreations are foreign travel and searching after hidden spoil in the shaps of curios of one kind or another. He has just written two little volumes for curio collectors and both of them, if modest, are practical manuals packed with expert knowledge. One is devoted to the charms and the soils of the connoisseur who spends his leisure in "Collecting Old Glass," and the other to the pitfalls and pleasures of the man who sets about "Collecting Old Miniatures." Sir James, in vicacious fashion, describes his own experiences in both directions. In the first volume he has a great deal to say about Old English and Irish glassware, and how to distinguish between antique specimens of real artistic value and modern counterfeits. His "hints and warnings" to the unwary are the outcome of his own experience, and are therefore the reverse of negligible.

The other little monograph is even more fascinating, since it shows how people with quite modest purses may acquire fine examples of those dainty little portraits on ivory, paper, porcelain or enamel—often speaking likenesses of historical personabes, which are commonly called miniatures. One of the great masters of the art was George Engleheart, and he is credited with having painted nearly five thousand of them; and yet "only some half-dozen of them are shut up in national museums." Sir James Yoxall asks where are the rest? Doubtless many are cherished family heirlooms in the possession of descendants of the sitters, but probably still more are knocking about the world in the possession of pawnbrokers; and the same remark holds good concerning the work of other more or less famous artists. Such little treasures may be picked up by a man of taste and who knows what he is about when a tray of these exquisite pictures is placed before him. "You must have the flair, of course," says Sir James, but after all taste and common sense go a long way. This volume gives practical advice on the identification of miniatures, and is also full of explicit aids to interpretation of another kind. Both volumes contain many illustrations which throw daylight on the text, and both are what they profess to be-thoroughly practical little manuals for the guidance of people of taste with only a few pounds to spend in its gratification. Sir James Yoxall has placed mer and women of that kind under distinct obligation by telling them with perfect frankness how he acquired not only the treasures in his cabinets, but the knowledge and instinct which enables him to buy without misgiving.

### SOCIETY NOTES AND COMMENT.-By Harold K. Bowen, Ft. Dodge, Iowa.

NOTE:—Secretaries of stamp and coin organizations are requested to send news and publications. Always enclose a two cent stamp when writing the Editor of this department for information.

The N. Y. Collectors Club dinner held at the Hotel Savoy on March 9th, was the most successful banquet that this organization has ever given. Prompt ja 77:30 p. m, nearly 100 guests took their seats, and started in to satisfy the inner man. An orchestra of four colored musicians livened things up during the repast, and played music with a snap and a swing such as only colored musicians can do. The dinner was precided over by President Thos. L. Wells, with Mr. C. E. Hatfield as toastmaster and believe me, he was some dandy. At 9:45 the speechmaking started and we had the pleasure of listening to some splendid remarks by Eustace Powers, J. M. Bartels, J. C. Morgenthau, Chas. Lathrop Park, J. W. Scott, John T. Luff and Percy McGraw Mann. Beautiful souvenirs were given in the way of a match safe, and a pocket magnifying glass in a leather case. Guests were present from Boston, 18hiladelphia, Washington, Hudson, N. Y., and Federalsburg, Md. The banquet broke up at 11:15 p. m., with a rising vote of thanks to Palmer C. Hartell, chairman of the banquet committee and Herman Toashem, his first lieutenant, for the splendid manner in which they handled and arranged the affair.

The Pass City Stamp Club, El Paso, Texas, was formally organized March 30th. The following officers were unanimously elected; J. D. Bartlett, president; Wm. E. Dowser, secretary and treasurer. Other necessary officers will be elected at an early meeting. Mr. Bartlett appointed Mr. T. R. Rogers, Mr. Harry Keister and Mr. Wm. E. Dowser a committee to draft by-laws, etc., for the club. Charter will be held open for some time, that we may have as many charter members as possible. Dates of meetings and any other information may be obtained from the secretary at 507 Trust Bldg. All collectors are invited to join and help boost.

After several years of attempts to start a local society of philatelists at Cincinnati, O., Mr. J. A. McCullough has finally succeeded in getting together an initial gathering of stamp men that promises much for the future of the hobby in this city. The Cincinnati Philatelic Socety was temporarily organized at the Stag Hotel on March 12th, and on March 28th, at the Gibson House Hotel the following officers were elected: President, W. C. Kennett; V. President, Erwin L. Fischer; Sec'y-Treas., A. D. Fenell; Trustees-J. A. McCullough, Albert S. Smith, Stanley Ashbrook, Geo. D. Kitzinger. Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the Gibson House Hotel. Those who were at the opening meeting are: J. A. McCullough, M. H. Weber, C. E. White, N. J. Ossege, G. L. Ringland, H. Karch, Erwin L. Fischer, G. M. Trumbell, G. D. Kitzinger, H. K. Smith Jr., A. Shircliffe, G. H. Welborne. The society expects to start off with a charter membership of twenty-five members. As one of the objects of the society will be to purchase stamps collectively for its members, dealers are requested to send their regular and special lists of bargains to Mr. J A. McCullough, e-o Stag Hotel, Cincinnati, O.

The year book of the United States Revenue Society lists eighty-nine paid up members. The S. P. A. has half that number of revenue collectors. Heusing-ar's International Address Book for 1914 lists ninety-one revenue collectors. It is to be wondered at that the U. S. R. S. is growing as it is. It seems that the general societies would do well to try to obtain more members than are listed in Heusinger's Address Book.

A meeting of Medina, Ohio, branch of the S. P. A. was held on February the fifteenth. The forty-nine persons present were each presented with a stamp album and packet of stamps.

The Boston Philatelic Society celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary by a banquet held at the Hayward. Mr. E. M. Carpenter, the president of the society diaplayed a duplicate collection of Portuguese stamps as collected for the king of Spain. Thirty-seven collectors were present.

The newly elected officers of the progressive San Diego Stamp Club are L. N. Skinner, president; M. M. Kaufman, vice president; C. V. Scaife, secretary-treasurer; O. H. Phinney and A. H. Wright. Those interested may obtain the club program for 1916 if postage is sent with the request to C. V. Scaife, 802 Timken Bidg., San Diego, Cal.

The Rhode Island Philatelic Society held its thirty-first annual banquet and election of officers on Tuesday, Feb. fifteenth. Those elected are R. F. Chambers, president; C. S. Reynolds, vice-president; Harold N.Gibbs, secretarytreasurer; and Jerome Fleisher, Exchange Manager.

The New York Stamp Society has recently compiled its program for 1916. All desiring a copy are requested to send a one cent stamp to W. O. Staeb, secretary, 557 Park Place. Lyndhurst. N. J.

At the meeting of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, held on February twenty-ninth, 1916, the Charter of the above organization was declared closed. Commencing March first the dues will be \$1.20 per year. No initiation fee. Among other interesting things on the program was a talk by Farran Zerbe, illustrated with specimens from his collection, on the "War as an Incentive to the Issuing of Paper Morey and its Collection."

It is reported that Minneapolis wants the next S. P. A. convention. Let's let her have it, then it is to be hoped more San Francisco and New Orleans collectors will be able to attend. Why not have philatelic conventions in the middle west for a change? Surely cities like Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Milwaukes, Omaha, Des Moines and Sioux City are large and interesting enough to philatelists and more centrally located.

What's the use, the advs. in the WEST teach you instantly how to buy at the right prices. Don't sit up nights studying-TRY, EM.

### FOREIGN REVENUE NOTES.

### By Oscar T. Hartmann.

Can anybody give more definite information on the R. I. issue of Mexico 1913-14, if some values have been printed on blue ruled paper? I have a 2c which looks very much like it.

One copy of the Denver Issue Mex. revenue, the 1c value, came into my hands surcharged with a very similar surcharge like the postage of 1914, and hands from Paduca, Hidalgo, Mex., and supposed to be scarce. It was sent me by Mr. Slicer Haight.

It is reported that the U. S. 1/4, 1, 11/4, 2 and 3c proprietary are hard to get hold of.

I have seen the\$ 2.00 liquor stamp, which is not easy to secure.

Beginning with this month's WEST I shall try to give a short review of have appeared in diff. colors. Let us commence with Ahghanistan. The round erals read 1289 and 1292, while the round postage is mostly on white laid paper and the earliest date is 1298. The postage of 1893-99 is very similar to the receipt stamp of 1892 and cannot very well be described, without showing the respective cuts. Br. Central Afr. surcharged the postage of 1898-1901 with Consular, also the 2sh6d value of 1906. Br. East Afr. surcharged many of their postage with Inland revenue, Judicial or Consular; also 1a, 2a, 1 rup. of India 1896 with Inland Revenue. Br. So. Afr. used the values 2, 5, 10£ of 1890 and surcharged them respectively with 50, 100 and 200£ also in 1908 the 20£ value, The swan type of Western Australia of the year 1882 is for the revenue lilac and the 1p bistre postage was surcharged I. R. for revenue purposes. The 3p lilac revenue was surcharged with the values of 1, 2, 3, 6p and 1sh in the year 1892 for postage. Bechuanaland, the 6p Transvaal of 1904 was surcharged Bechuanaland Protectorate. The 1c carmine of 1887-93 was surcharged with "Timbre" in 1891 for a Bolivia revenue. The Borneo 4, 8, 50c of 1886 were surcharged for revenue. No Canadian, except the last years surcharged postage. Cape of Good Hope surcharged in 1900 the 1/2 and 1p Cigarette Duty, in 1906 the 1, 2, 6p, 1sh Customs, and in 1909 the 1p Patent and Proprietary. The 4 values of 1884 Costa Rica were surcharged for postage. The postage of 1902 and 1905 Gold Coast was surcharged Judicial. 5 values of Niger Coast 1898 were surcharged Consular. The postage series of 1900 Crete appeared in 1901 bistre and is a revenue, also a few values surcharged in 1906-7 and in 1901 surcharges X. E. T. The stamps of San Domingo 1881 were used for both purposes, except the 14c and 5 pesos, which were revenues only. In 1883 the 25c and 1p postage were surcharged "Timbres" for revenue. The few Dominica were surcharged Revenue. There are no regular Ecuador postage surcharged, but the fiscals of 1884-93 were so used, but not many genuine postally used, or for that matter revenue used. The biggest part you meet are remainders and cancelled to order or unused. 10c red of Spain is the only postage of 1898 which was surcharged Habilitado Movil 1898. The Impesto de Guerra (war) Recargo, and Timbre Movil were used postally but served more as an additional tax, and the higher values were revenues only. Cuba offers 2½ or half of 5c 1887 surcharged Habilitado etc., its share of postage used. The Philippine Islands have 2 4-8c of 1883, 85 surcharged Habilitado, etc., 1 peso, also 2 4-8 on seven values of the postage 1822-88, and 10c on ½c.

(To be Continued.)

### NOTES FROM EGYPT .- By V. Rainford, S. P. A. Member.

I do not suppose it is with any less trepidation than most collectors experience that I open the latest catalogue and scan the price columns of my own pet countries. Out here in the Egyptian Soudan one is naturally somewhat out of touch with the prevailing market in America and consequently the prices given are very often provocative of agreeable surprise, and, needless to state, sometimes very much the reverse!

On looking down Egyptians in Scotts recently arrived catalogue, I was not a little astonished to see that the 5 mills service stamp without the Arabic inscription (No. 209) had soared up from 2c to the very respectable figure of \$1. It was not until some days later I discovered on the page set apart for "Errata" and "Corrections in prices" that this was a typographical error and that 10c was intended, and I should say that half this amount for a nice lightly cancelled copy is the value of the stamp in question. The quotation of 75c for the unused specimen I consider quite justified as I have endeavored for some months past to acquire them in mint state, and each time the price is considerably increased. Gibbons in their 1916 catalogue list this at \$1.25, a price probably based on the growing demand for Egyptian stamps by collectors of British Colonials, who, prior to Egypt becoming a protectorate, did not include this country.

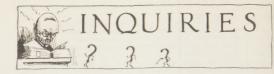
I notice some extraordinary vagaries of the overprint, caused chiefly by the type failing to print clearly, rather than to the type itself being at fault, Portions of the "O" for instance, are often missing, leaving a distinct "C" while both "H's" are found without bars, the result reading very curiously, in some cases C. I.I. II. S instead of O. H. H. S. as in the normal. The alignment of the overprint, too, taking a horizontal row of stamps, is considerably out of truth, that of one copy being quite 2 mprs. below that of its neighbor. A pane of these stamps presents a very unusual appearance.

(To be Continued.)

#### WHERE ARE THEY?

Philately teaches geography? This is the claim. Where are the following: Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Lagos, Labuan, Griqualand, Montserrat, Papua, Sarawak, Perak, Iasmania, Virgin Islands, French Guiana, New Caledonia, Denegal, Togo, Heligoland, Tripoli, Surinam, Macao, Samoa, St. Thomas and Prince Island?

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1078. I have a pair of the \$1.00 U. S. Revenues, 1898, green, "Commerce" that is imperforated vertically. What is its value? We suppose you mean the Documentary instead of "Commerce." We cannot quote prices on these stamps because we do not recollect of having seen any quotations on them. To the average collector the stamps would be worth no more than an ordinary pair, but to the specialist in the revenue stamps of our country, it might have a higher value. If you want an accurate valuation on them, we would suggest that you get in touch with some specialist in these stamps and ask him for offers. Catalog quotations are as a rule only comparative figures and should not always be taken as the actual value of a stamp or stamps. That is why so many stamps do not have a price quoted in some of the standard catalogues. The publishers do not want the responsibility of giving the comparative value of them when they are not reasonably certain as to the real scarrity.

1079. Is the Stamp Journal still being published- Yes, it is now again making its regular appearance, since the first of the year. The Stamp Journal has gone through a number of changes in ownership and is now being published by a couple in Covington, Ohio.

1080. We are informed that the Collectors' Monthly of Oakland, California, has been suspended. Can you tell us if this is so? The C. M. was temporarily suspended by Mr. Gardella, the former publisher, but he has now made arrangements with the Nebraska Philatelist (of which I am publisher) to fill his unexpired subscriptions and ad contracts. If any of our readers were subscribers to this paper and are not receiving the N. P. regularly, let the editor of this department hear from you and we will see that it is fixed to your satisfaction.

1081. Do you know of any catlog of poster stamps listing all that have been issued? We know of none. There have been so many issued and by so many different companies that the task of compiling a list of them could not be undertaken except at a great expense and would require a great deal of time. These stamps are issued by many manufacturers to advertise their wares and as such have no claim for place in the postage stamp collection. However, as a side-line, or a separate hobby, they have their attractions and many collectors today are taking an interest in them.

### FOREIGN REVIEW .- By Robert C. Edgar, Box 362, Wichita, Kan.

NOTE:—Any reader who wants copies of these Foreign Papers may secure them from me if postage is included. Will also give subscription rates and addresses if requested.

The Philatelia, of Barcelona, Spain for Jan. 1916 received. This is a house organ, but a good one. In their philatelic notes, they mention the English stamps surcharged NAURA, as mentioned in review of Madrid Philatelist, but they tell where this country is. It is one of the Marshall Islands that has been occupied by the English Troops, now I know that they had on business surcharging the 5sh and 10sh stamps. The Germans owned the Marshall Islands from 1897 to the breaking out of the present war and in all of that time they never had to issue any stamps of higher value than 5 marks.

The Eco Postal of Valencia for Dec. 1915, received. This is a good paper with a good new issue department and several pages of short articles of interest from many countries. They review Stanley Gibbons catalog, that is, the first part which contains stamps of Great Britain and colonies only. The writer notices that this catalog lists Egypt as a new English Protectorate and not a foreign country as heretofore.

The Spanish Philatelist, for Dec. 1915, has a picture of the Bull Pen, where they hold Bull Fights in Barcelona on the front of the cover. From this picture the building looks more like an auto factory than a Bull pen. The stamps of Elobey issue of 1909 are the principal item of interest this month. The 8 page insert of Spanish Stamp éatalog is included as was mentioned in last WEST.

The Australian Philatelist of Jan. 10th, 1916, contains nothing of interest except a long review of Stanley-Gibbons Catalog, part one. This editor don't like altogether the changes in prices and classifications of Australian, New Zealand, Tonga, etc.

The Philatelic Magazine of London, for Jan. 1916, under the head of Timely Topics reproduce the article, Under Which Flag, which was published in last month's Stamp Collectors Fortnightly, some letters written by Mr. Philipp von Ferrary la Renotiere, as was reviewed in last month's WEST.

The Stamp Collectors Fortnightly for Jan. 1, 15 and 29 at hand. In issue of the 15th is reproduced the 9 pence 1865, a perfect mint copy, which is the King's gift to the National Philatelic War Fund Auction, which has been mentioned several times in these columns. This auction was held March 13th and 14th. To date 650 lots had been donated to this cause.

Stamp Collecting, a weekly printed in London, in the issue of Jan. 29, 1916, is an article on the Colony of Jamaica collecting a duty of 16 2-3 per cent on approval selections which we have mentioned in these columns before. This brings to mind that the Post Office Dept. of U. S. A. have put into effect that all stamps sent through the mails from now on must go first class and not third as they used to. We know no reason for this, except it is possible that some inspector in going through an unsealed package to see if it contained printed matter only, found some postage due stamps that were pen or pencil cancelled, which made the shipment contain writing, hence first class.

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### NEW ISSUE NOTES .-- By Lowell J. Ragatz.

### (Continued from last issue.)

U. S. A.—We have seen the curernt 12c stamp perforated 10, in a distinct brick red shade, doubtless caused by the scarcity of dye.

Mason, a member of the S. P. A. of D. C., was the first one to send new U. S. 2c envelope

ARGENTINE.—"Ewen's Weekly" chronicles the appearance of the current 4c stamp on paper watermarked arrowheads.

BELGIUM.—The current set of postage due stamps has been issued in new colors, as follows: 5c dark green, 10c red, 20c olive green, 30c dark blue, 50c light gray.

Champion's "Bulletin Mensuel" chronicles a new set of Parcel Post stamps, first issued to the public on January 1. There are twenty values to the set, these values being the same as those of the last set, but the following values come in different colors, as noted: 10c blue green, 15c gray green, 20c vermillon, 25c brown, 30c violet, 35c gray, 40c orange, 50c bistre, 55c light brown, 60c gray violet, 70c green, 80c red brown, 90c blue, 1f gray, 1f 10c blue, 2f red, 3f violet, 4f green, 5f brown, 10c orange. These stamps come in two designs, the centime values coming in a winged wheel design somewhat like that previously employed, while the Franc values hear a picture of a locomitive.

BOSNIA.—A correspondent has shown us the two new charity stamps, they being the 5h and 10h values of the 1912 series surcharged "1915" and "7 heller" in red and "12 heller" in blue respectively. He states that they are already obsolete.

EPIRUS.—The 1, 2, 3 and 5 lepta Grecian stamps of the occupation series of 1913 have been shown us surcharged in red. "Scotts Circular" states that these are errors, as only fiscal stamps should have the red surcharge.

FIJI IS.—We have just received the 2sh 6p George head stamp for this colony, it being red and black on blue.

FRENCH INDIA—"Scotts Circular" states that a new printing of the charity stamps has the surcharge placed near the top instead of at the bottom of the street.

of the stamp.

GREECE - Mr. Jack Smith has shown us a cover hearing the censor stamp

ITALY.—The current 15c stamp for each of the small Italian islands in the Aegean Sea has been surcharged 20c as in the case of the 15c Italian stamp,

"Champions Bulletin" chronicles the 15c Duraggo, Scutari, and Valona

tamps as also having been surcharged 20c

LIBERIA.—The following provisionals, made necessary (?) by the war, it is stated, have just been received from Monrovia. On the 1906 issue 2c on 25c, 5c on 30c, 10e on 50c, 20c on 75c, 25c on \$1, 50c on \$2, \$1 on \$5. These stamps seem to be rather speculative.

MEXICO.—The 15c lavender and claret stamp of the 1899 series has appeared surcharged "Gobierno-\$-Constitutionalista." We have also seen these 15c stamps with the Carranza label G. C. M. surcharge. Both stamps will be scarce, as few were found, and they have been obsolete for months.

We have seen the 1c stamp of 1910 series with an inverted Villa G. C. M.

surcharge.

The following new "varieties" of the September 1915 famous men issue have

been shown us—1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 10c imperforate with double impression, the same stamps rouletted horizontally only, the 10c value on a new kind of paper, and the 1c value in olive through "error." These stamps (?) are strongly suggestive of printer's waste.

We have been offered square type-set stamps purporting to be Oaxaca state issues and the Carranza famous men issue, both lithographed, rouletted and lithographed perforated surcharged "Oficial" with a rubber stamp. We believe all to be fakes

MOROCCO.—A permanent set of stamps of seventeen deonminations in six designs, ranging in value from 1c to 10f has just been issued. The colours of all values are the same as employed in printing the same values of sets for other French colonies. The designs show historical monuments. These stamps were on sale in Paris same weeks before being alread on sale in Morocco.

MOROCCO.—We have been shown the 1c, 10c, and 20c Postage Due stamps of France surcharged for use in this protectorate.

NAURU.—Instead of employing Fiji Island stamps in producing surcharged stamps for use in this recently captured German island, current English stamps were used. We have the following values: ½p green, 1p searlet, 2½p ultramarine, all surcharged Nauru in small Sansscrif capitals, and the 2sh 6p dark brown, 5sh carmine, and 19sh dark blue stamps surcharged Nauru in large Roman capitals.

NEW ZEALAND.—The ½d King George stamp has been issued surcharged "Official" reading up. A. H. Stoner has shown us a copy.

PANAMA.—The following communication settles the controversy regarding the ½c map stamp in rose, the so-called "error." "Secretary of Government and Justice, Panama, Nov. 17, 1915. Mr. Frank E. Green, Balboa Heights. I am answering your Jetter of the 11th instant, informing you that the ½ centesimo of Balboa stamps of the class that you forwarded to me were printed for the postal service of the Republic; but the circulation was never authorized and on account of the shortage of special stamps to collect the new commercial tax decreed by Law No. 24 of this year, they were authorized for that object. I am your attentive and sincere servant. (Signed) Juna B. Sosa;

ROUMANIA.—A new portrait series, including a 35 bani stamp, a value heterofore not included in Roumanian stamps, is rumored as being in prepara-

SERVIA.—The new issue stated as being prepared some months ago is now beginning to appear. To date we have seen the following values: 5p yellow green, 10p carmine, 20p brown and 30p olive. We understand that a 50p brown value has also been issued. The other values will doubtless all be issued in the course of a few weeks. These stamps picture King Peter and his generals on the battlefield

SOUTH GEORGIA.—A dealer friend has informed us that he has seen current Falkland Island stamps surcharged "South Georgia," but believes them to be fakes. An item in "Scott's Circular" seems to confirm this suspicion. Collectors will do well to investigate this matter before investing in South Georgian "stamps."

S. W. AFRICA.—A European stamp journal chronicles the appearance of the ship type of S. W. Africa stamps surcharged "G. R. I." and new values as in the case of other captured German colonies. Particulars are lacking.

### DENVER NOTES .- By Maitland Milliken.

Denver can now boast of a dealer having poster stamps in three or more colors advertising his postage stamp business. They are excellent miniature advertising bill-boards and are a welcome addition to any collection. Your correspondent will be pleased to send a few free to those who make a request.

The Denver Philatelic Society has inaugurated a new auction department and will be under control of a committee of three members which will conduct a monthly sale, same to be advertised. Members having stamps to be disposed of should send them in to Mr. T. G. Saunders, 922 East 22nd Ave., Denver. A small amount will be charged sufficiently to meet expenses. Jump in line promptly, boys!

There are quite a few collectors of poster stamps in Denver, but they have not made their presence known except in a quiet way.

Same way may be said of coin collectors or numismatists which is a mor dignified name for them.

Post cards containing views of the city of Denver and Colorado Rockies are said to be the finest issued anywhere. They are constantly in great demand by the visiting tourists all the year around. No collection is compelte without them.

There is such a pretty view card containing the Denver Gas and Electric Building of ten stories which shines forth like diamond crystals at night. It is the best lighted structure in the world. Contains 13,000 lamps on the exterior (built of white glazed terra-cotta) requiring 200,000 candle power. It is the best and prettiest sight of the night life in Denver.

Precancelled stamps from the Dalles post office have been appearing the past month. They are affixed to Sears Co. catalog wrappers. It appears that a check for \$216.51 was sent to the postmaster here for the precancelled stamps and that 1's, 2's, 6's, 7's and 10's were precancelled. Of these there were 3316 of the one cent and 2998 of the six cent. Of the other denominations there were only enough to make out the balance. The rest of the 20,000 catalogs mailed from the Dallas office was by paid permits.

The precancel is the usual two black bars with The Dalles, Oregon, in the smaller type used in the smaller cities. The precancelling was done by the postmaster and some of his assistants with a rubber hand stamp that cancelled 25 at once. The stamp did not do good work and the operators were inexperienced it seems, for there are almost as many varieties of the precancels as stamps, including double and single inverts. They will probably be scarce unless the mail order concern continues to make this its distributing point. It appears the company has moved the distributing point from Roseburg, and The Dalles, Salem and one other city is getting the business. I have not been able to obtain any of these stamps as yet.—Grace E Page.

Harrington Adams of Fostoria, Ohio sends us a copy of U. S. Precancelled Stamp Buying List which is the first practical arrangement we have seen for such a book, giving prices of each stamp, any issue, any denomination, from any city or town, and can be easily found, together with its value.

### A KNOCKER OR A BOOSTER .- By Rev. A. Z. Myers.

In Foreign Revenue Notes, some time since, Mr. Hartmann uttered a word that touched a responsive chord. It was this: "Have you ever come across the fellow who tries to depreciate your collection?" The whole paragraph from which this was taken is of great value to the beginner. In most things we pay for our learning.

Remembering the fellows who knock, who have knocked my collection, I have been asking myself whether I am a knocker or a booster. It is easy to point out the reprints, the revenues, the imperfect copies, etc. But it is just as easy to call attention to the good things, and every collection has some good things. Not long since a collector with a much larger collection than mine and a wider knowledge of stamps pointed out several rarities I had that I had not recognized. He was a booster. I would like to take people like that through my collection. There are a lot of things about stamps I do not know. I learned some that day.

Incidentally that experience illustrates the advantage of collecting variations. Specially as one finds them in sorting through lots, off envelopes, etc. So often I have afterwards found that some variations that I have noticed were of considerable value. This is a tip that I believe specially valuable for the collector in his earlier years—and if his experience is like mine, the larger his collection becomes, the more interest will attach to these variations.

Be a booster. Help the other fellow. And while I am at it I want to say that philately develops boosters. While I have met the knocker, he is not the rule, but the exception. The philatelists I have met and done business with are an exceptionally fine set of people. There is something in the hobby that fosters good feeling, unselfishness.

#### STAMPS ARE VERY GOOD INSTRUCTORS.

Stamps, when understood aright are instructors. They instill pleasantly into the mind of the collector a large amount of useful and varied knowledge. Regarded in this light, stamps are like books, and to them may be applied much of what Richard de Bury says of books.

"We must consider," wrote the venerable prelate, "what pleasantness of teaching there is in books, how easy, how secret! How safely we lay bare the poverty of human ignorance without feeling shame."

Stamps, too, are "masters who instruct us without rod or ferule, without angry words. If you come to them they are not asleep; if you ask and inquire of them, they do not withdraw themselves; they do not chide you if you make mistakes; they do not laugh at you if you are ignorant."

From the earliest days of philately there has always been some recognition of the educational value of stamp collecting, and if you are a seeker of light and knowledge, if you wish to find relaxation for the tired body, and a soothing potion for the weary brain, a nd at the same time gain a fund of worth-while knowledge, then investigate the best of all hobbies, "Stamp Collecting."—Niagara Falls Paper, sent by Burns, member of S. P. A.



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Right now the stamp business is booming as it never did before.

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It cheers us to see the deep interest our European readers are taking in stamps, despite the war. It evinces forcibly that nothing can kill the enthus-

issuings, despite the war. It evinces forcing that nothing can full the entires, lasm of the true collector. The new two cents envelope stamp is now reported on four colors of paper. We believe we are correct in saying that this is the first United States envelope

we believe we are correct in saying that this is the first United States envelope stamp to have the value expressed in figures only, all previous designs having had the value in words, or words and figures.

The Bolivian Government has requested bids for a new issue of postage

stamps for 1916, the war preventing the receipt of the usual supply from Europe.

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To think interest in your collection now means that you will pay the penalty later on. There are many stamps being issued in these stirring times that can never be bought again at the prices now being quoted.

Which will it be-United States stamps surcharged Mexico, or Mexican tamps surcharged United States?

It's one hobby to collect stamps; the next one is to keep them

A new set of stamps is being designed for Roumania, and will appear during the summer.

Another invert has cropped up in the Canal Zone. This time it is the current issue 2 centavos with the head of Cordoba inverted. Probably but one sheet got through and this was made up into stamp books and put on sale, according to report, some stamps being used before the variety was noticed.

The past eighteen months 304 different Colonial and 1,206 different foreign mps have been distributed through a London dealer's new issue service.

We note in Offertenblatt, a warning to look our for counterfeit surcharges of the first issue "Feldoost" type on the stamps of Rosnia

We have no way of knowing how many philatelists were struck with the same thought—"Why not make a collection of all the war stamps?"—but there must have been thousands and in this number, we feel sure there were hundreds of collections started by people who had never collected before.

If the average dealer knew the value of cuts in producing sales, we would

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Thomas Cisel, St. Francisville, IL and some of his old pictures chairs and dishes.



Theodore J. Venn, Chicago, III., writer on Numismatic Subjects. Author of "Large United States Cents," "United States Haif Cents," etc.





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California Exposition Medal









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Curiosity Shop, Chiengo, III. See his ad.



F. E. Ellis, Webster Groves, Mo. Some Rare Long Arms.







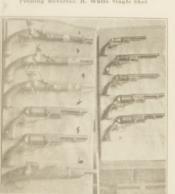








From Collection of G. Huston, Philadelphia, Pa. A Tape Lock Deringer, Phila. Rupertus Automatic Priming Revolver, R. White Single Shot



Collection of W. F. Hunter, South Hoardman, Mich. 1, North Model 1822; 2, North M. & O. Model 1816; 3, North M. & O. Model 1816; 3, North M. & O. Model 1816; 3, North M. & O. Model 1816; 4, Colt U. S. Dragoon at Springfield 45-70 pistol, aftered from Carbine at Springfield 45-70 pistol, aftered from Carbine at Springfield 47-70 pistol, aftered from Carbine at Springfield armory, 1, Colts London 31 cal; 2, Colts Brevete made in Heigium for Colt during Civil Warr, S. Colts London 30 cal; 4, Colts Stamped U. S. M. R. Colts London 30 cal; 4, Colts Stamped U. S. M. R. application of the Coltago of the Co yi. slots.



Brooking, Inland, Nebr.



Summer's Collection of Western Nebraska Besides these he took 166 live rattlers. See photo of his collectors den in next issue

#### ART, ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTIQUES.

#### Edited by Allen Jesse Reynolds, Ottawa, Kansas.

Sun Temple is the name given to what is said to be one of the most interesting prehistoric ruins discovered in America. Dr. J. Walter Fewkes of the Smithsonian Institution made the discovery in Mesa Verde National Park in New Mexico. There are twenty-five rooms, and the walls, which total more that one thousand feet in length, average four feet thick. Cedar and pinyon trees growing above the mound would indicate that the mound had been built about 1800 A. D.

Wm. West of near Beaver City, Nebraska, unearthed an Indian grave and in it found one skeleton. The skull showed a deep concussion. No metallic objects were in the grave, but quite a number of stone arrow heads and other artifacts were found.

Egypt is giving up the secrets of the early ages. Golden ornaments found in Egypt in the royal tomb of King Menes and supposed to be the oldest objects of worked metal in the world, date back 6,300 years, and include bits of gold, a bead, a button and also a piece of extremely fine copper wire.

Isaac S. Hammond of Greencastle, Indiana, has two notes wriMen by George Washington and signed by him. They came to Mr. Hammond through the death of his father, Thomas Hammond, formerly a Greencastle banker. One of the notes is dated September 12, 1780, and was written to a subordinate general of the revolutionary war. It orders them to permit James Cox and his son Benjamin to pass and repass the picket lines. The other note is dated January 16, 1781, and is to a jailer, ordering him to release from the jail, one Edward Nichols. The note says he is released because of a petition sent to Washington signed by many prominent citizens of those times. The notes are written on small oblong sheets of bond paper, which are yellow with age, but the ink on them is clear and by studying the writing one can make out the contents of both notes.—(Indianapolis News.)

Every student of geology should have, as near as possible, a complete set of the Geological Reports of his own state. Twenty-five states issued official geological reports and buleltims in the year 1914. About every state has it Academy of Science and these and other state and city scientific societies are constantly publishing somtehing of interest to the student of geology. A clearer idea of the large field of geological research can be had in the fact that "Bibliography of North American Beology for 1914" (U. S. Geological Survey) lists over one thousand subjects—books pamphlets and scientific magazine articles.

Students interested in botany, entomology, orthnology, etc., should have their names placed on the mailing list of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to receive its Monthly List of Publications. The U. S. Geological Survey also issues a Monthly List of Publications. These lists will be sent regularly on request. Address the departments at Washington, D. C.

"The lagrest butterflies are found in British Guiana, some of which have a wing measurement of eleven inches." Is this statement correct? Let the collectors of butterflies "speak up."

A collection of 10,960 bottles, containing specimens of the ocean bottom obtained by vessels of the United States coast and geodetic survey of the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific coasts, has recently been transferred to the Smithsonian Institution.

The Zoological department of the Kansas University is to examine several abundeds of birds' stomachs for the purpose of determining the economic importance of the birds, by discovering the relative amounts of grain and insects that the birds eat. Statistics that are secured in this manner will form the basis of a state report.

An almost complete skeleton of the Eryops is now on exhibition at the American Museum of Natural History, New York. "This fellow," declares Dr. W. D. Matthew of the Museum, "was one of the collateral ancestors of all the higher animals—of reptiles, birds, mammals and man." The specimen was found in the Wichita basin in Texas in the "red beds" which immediately overlie the ccal formation. Continuous work of a year by A. Herrmann of the museum staff has put the fossil skeleton in fine shape.

The finding of a mammoth's tusk by workmen fifteen miles north of Indeendence, Calif., at a depth of more than twenty feet, caused quite a bit of excitement.

Prof. Homer Dill, assistant professor of zeology at the University of Iowa, in commercing on the result of scientific explorations at Rancho La Brea, eight miles west of Los Angeles, Calif., where so many wonderful specimens of fossil remains have been found, says: "In the fossil beds of this vicinity scientists have dicovered the remains of ground sloths, which when they were alive 200,-100 years ago were as large as a modern street car" and that "Because of the act that bird bones do not usually fossilize, the bird deposits at Rancho La Brea are particularly notworthy in the world of American science."

From the Honolulu Star-Bulletin we learn that: "One of the most curious plants in the world, and one of the greatest interest to all botanists, is the Silver Sword. This exceedingly rare plant with its magnificent silver spines and handsome crest may still be found in profusion in the upper part of Kaupo gap, the southern outlet of the vast extinct crater of Haleakala on the island of Maui. It flowers from July to October and occurs hardly anywhere else in the world. Even stranger is the variety known as the Green Sword, which occurs only in Haleakala crater and is unknown to exist elsewhere."

Starfish can grow new arms, lobsters new claws; and lizards new tails. A

new lizard will not indeed spring from a tail, or a new lobster from a discarded claw, but a new starfish will grow from a detached arm.

Mr. Daniel F. Soner of Lookout Mountain, Tenn., sent the writer a conv of The Chattaneogra News of March 1st 1916 which contains a very interesting illustrated write-up of his wonderful collection that has caused such a stir in the scientific world which was very loathe to believe that any tribe that had ever inhabited this land knew how to temper copper. Most of these interesting relics were obtained near Detroit Mich and we were very glad to see in a recent. Detroit namer sent to us by Rey Savage of Detroit that the narties most interested had been thoroughly vindicated of any fraud. The items that interested me most were the hieroglyphic records that have been discovered. We mote as follows: "Here are relies that indicate the existence in the regions around the great lakes of North America of a neonle that combined the characteristics of the Egyptians with the religion of the ancient Hebrews. Here we have depicted on stone, on copper, and in clay practically all the outstanding incidents of the book of Genesis: Creation, the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden, the story of the flood, the finding of Moses in the marshes and many scenes of sacrifice, all in accordance with Biblical history." Anyone wishing to know more about this wonderful collection, will find Mr. Soper very gracious in giving added information.

The vicinity of Dorchester, Iowa, is said to be somewhat of a historical spot. Indian mounds are numerous and Indian relies and pottery are often plowed up. They are also brought to the surface of the ground by freshets and floods. Below Dorchester at a desirable point, where a splendid view can be had of two creeks and the Iowa river, there still remains the outlines of forts and the Indians claim their forefathers referred to the place as being once occupied by men of peculiar appearance and of large stature.

The London Philatelist announces that the government of India has presented to the Royal Philatelic Society nine lithographic stones and four engraved copper plates which are of a high degree of historical interest in connection with the early postage stamps of India. These engraved plates and stones were used in the production of the earliest general issues of postage stamps under the Honorable East India Company; they were prepared under the direction of Capt. H. L. Thuillier, deputy surveyor-general in the surveyor general's department at Calcutta in 1854-55. These stones and plates, will be added to the archives of the Royal Society, which already include a number of interesting plates of the early stamps of Mauritius, South Australia, and Frinc Edward Island.

Mr. Will Garner of Osage, Iowa, has a very interesting \$4 bill that dates back to December 22, 1777. It was issued by P. Timothy of Charleston, S. C.

G. W. Monkill. a member of the Yale and National Geographic Society expedition to Peru, has discovered an ancient fortification near Cuzco, more remarkable from an engineering standpoint than the Pryamids of Egypt. It is an enormous edifice composed of stones weighing thirty and forty tons, which had been transferred from a quarry across a river and carried up a steep monatain.



#### EDITED BY L. A. CARDWELL, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO.

This department is conducted solely in the interest of our readers. All are maked to contribute articles, ask questions, send clippings, etc., as many and ask often as you will. Remember things that seem trivial to you may be of the greatest interest to others. Publishers are invited to send copies for mention.

NOTES BY L. A. C.—We may safely predict many more different issues of currency and coin from Mexico. Things in that troubled republic are about as unsettled as they were before the "first chief" was recognized by our government. There seems to be absolutely no hope for peace anywhere in sight.

In commenting on a hat made of 50 new \$1 bills, said to be worn by a Columbus, Ind., woman, an editor says, "It seems as though her money has gone to her head," and he further offers to wager a Lincoln cent that "the head deportions" aforesand were said for on the installment plan.

A depositor of a Milton (Fel.) bank was very much disappointed recently. After hoarding 12 pounds of Lincoln cents, he found that they were worth only face value.

The Bank of the Republic of Uruguay is shortly to issue notes to the amount of \$2,000,000 pesos. The Uruguay gold peso is equal to \$1.0342 United States currency.

According to advices recently received by Consul Garcia, at El Paso, Texas, "first chief" Uenustiano Carranza will back the paper money of Mexico with 1 gold and silver reserve."It is thus hoped to restore the economic equilibrium of the country. Presumably this refers to the new issue of notes now about to se placed in circulation.

Merchants in Chihuahua City have been warned by Carranza authorities that unless they accept the currency of the recognized government they will be punished. The nature of the punishment is not stated in the warning, but the Mexican chiefs usually make their punishment severe enough.

#### UNITED STATES HALF CENTS.

The above is the title of a very interesting and useful little book just published by the author; Mr. Theodore J. Venn. In this work Mr. Venn describes the various types and minor varieties of half cents, discusses their comparative rarity in the different states of preservation, and gives values as based on average results of public auction sales extending over a long period of years.

The author displays that same thorough knowledge of the subject treated

which is a characteristic of his previous works.

We predict for this a reception equally as gratifying as was that of his very successful "Large U. S. Cents," which was published last year.—L. A. C.

#### BUY A CATALOGUE.

Do not by any manner of means attempt to collect coins without catalogue. If you cannot afford to buy the best, then get the cheapest. A catalogue that can be bought for ten cents is far better than no catalogue. You will find that the cheapest publication of the kind will contain information that you cannot afford to be without.

In this, your first catalogue, you will have the nucleus of your coin library.

Add to this at every opportunity and you will soon have acquired a collection
as essential to real collector as the coins themselves.

The importance of reading good literature of this kind cannot be too strongly emphasized.—L. A. C.

#### PASTEBOARD COINS

Pasteboard has been used to take the place of copper for coins in the occupied cities of France. These pasteboard coins are of many colors and shapes. They are usually guaranteed by the municipality in which issued, and are good only for transactions with merchants in the town of issue.

#### FACTS ABOUT CURRENCY .- By Jean Mannovry.

Many things have been used at different times as money. Tobacco was used as currency in Virginia until 1660, fifty-seven years after the foundation of that colony. The Legislature of Massachusetts in 1641, enacted that wheat should be received in payment of all debts.

Wampum by the American Indian, shells in Africa, cattle in Ancient Greece, slaves and oxen by the Anglo Saxon, leather with the Carthegenians, codfish in Newfoundland and Icesland, and salt in Abyssinia, are among the things that have been used at various times for currency.

In parts of China money is made from the bark of the mulberry tree. These bits of bark bear the Imperial stamp which it is death to counterfeit.

During the reign of "Black Prince" leather money having a small silver nail in the center was used.

I have a Mexican war medal given my uncle at Bueno Vista, during the Mexican war. If you would like I will send you a picture of it.—Don G. Poland. (Send along photos accompanied by short articles of anything you may have of numismatte interest. We are always glad to receive them and will give credit for all original articles. Thanking you for the offer.—L. A. C.)

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Owing to the large number of inquiries received it is impossible to get them all into print at once. Each must take its turn. For this reason should you desire a reply at once, we ask that you enclose a stamp and we will reply direct. All questions of general interest will appear in the WEST just the same.

83. F. M. H., Lakewille, Ohio, What is the value of 1794 half dollar in

83. F. M. H., Lakeville, Onio. What is the value of 1794 half dollar in good condition? Ans.—\$7.50.

84. C. L. Brooklyn, N. Y. (a) What is the value of an 1859 cent? Ans — Two varieties, coper-nickel 5c to 35c, copper, Scott mentions no value, this being the scarce variety. (b) Cent 1860? Ans .- 5c to 20c. (c) 1864 cent? Anst.—Four varieties, copper-nickel thick,5 to 20 cents; copper-nickel thin, uncirculater, \$3. Proof \$4. Oreid, proof \$10. Bronze, 5 to 20 cents. (d) Army and Navy copper 1863? Ans -You probably refer to the pieces known as "hard great monetary value but are interesting from a historical standpoint. (e) Lincoln cent 1909? Ans .- We have previously answered this several times. 5 to 35c. (f) Same with S under date? Ans.-Uncirculated, 35c. (g) Canada cent 1910? Ans .- We judge dealers would charge you from 3 to 10 cents for this piece, according to conditions. (h) Dime 1856 and 1853 with arrows at date? Ans .- 15 to 50 cents. (i) Three cent 1867? Ans .- 10 to 40c. (j) Half dollar 1855? Ans.-Good 75 cents, fine \$1.25. (k) German 10 pfennig 1900? Ans .- 5 to 10 cents. (You would find it very convenient to own a good coin catalogue. They cost only a few cents and are filled with things every coin collector should know. We are not advocates of any special catalogue, there are

85. M. B. Superior, Neb .- - Which of the buffalo nickels are worth saving? Ans. -They are all worth face value. All varieties are easily found in circulation, therefore no premiums are ffered on them.

86. F. E. S., Navarre, Ohio.-Can you supply the 1864 issue \$10 and \$20 notes, or \$10 and \$20 Broken Bank notes? Ans. -We are not dealers, but you will find ads of many who are, in this issue. Write a few of them. They will in

87. H. A. M., Long Beach, Cal .- Will you give a list of coin publications besides Mehl's Monthly, Numismatist and WEST? Ans .- American Journal of Numismatics, is the only other magazine devoted exclusively to this that we can recall just at present. Write some subscription agency.

88. A. L., Beloit, Ill.-I have an old copper coin dated 1772 with inscription "1 skilling Danske K. M." with design on reverse surmounted by crown. Can you give information regarding it. Ans .- It is a 1 skilling of the reign of

89. C. L. W., Chickasha, Okla, -Will you inform me what Roman Emperor issued the silver denerii, wax impression of which I enclose? Ans .- The impressions were so badly crushed apparently by the postoffice cancelling stamps that it was impossible to restore them. Kindly send others, inclosed in a small pasteboard box.

90. J. W. W., Helena, Mont .- (a) What is the value of 1828 half dollar? Ans.-75c to \$1. (b) Copper coins or tokens of 1863? Ans.-These are rubbings or tokens which were issued from 1863 to 64. They were of private issue and were used as small change during the civil war. Scott prices them 10 for 25c. (c) I also enclose rubbing from a small coin dated 1826, can you identify it? Ans.-It is a Netherlands coin.

91, L. H. L., Oxford, Ohio.-Can you give me information regarding the copper coin of which I send you rubbing? Ans .- Your rubbing is too indistinct. Try to get a better impression and spell out the wording, then I think we should be able to get at it. Coins of this size are rather unusual and we would be pleased to examine this further.

COINAGE OF THE MINTS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THEIR OR-GANIZATION-DOUBLE EAGLES-TWEATTY DOLLARS GOLD, By Krum, Reading, Pa.

|      | Philadelphia | San Francisco                           |            | Philadelphia  | San Francisco   |
|------|--------------|---|------------|---------------|-----------------|
|      | Mint         | Mint                                    |            | Mint          | Mint            |
| 1850 | \$23,405,220 |   | 1890       | 1,519,900     | 16,055,000      |
| 1851 | 41,743,100   |   | 1891       | 28,840        | 25,762,500      |
| 1852 | 41,060,520   |   | 1892       | 90,460        | 18,603,000      |
| 1853 | 25,226,520   |   | 1893       | 6,886,780     | 19,923,500      |
| 1854 | 15,157,980   | \$2,829,360                             | 1894       | 27,379,800    | 20,971,000      |
| 1855 | 7,293,320    | 17,593,500                              | 1895       | 22,293,120    | 22,870,000      |
| 1856 | 6,597,560    | 23,795,000                              | 1896       | 15,853,260    | 28,078,500      |
| 1857 | 8,787,500    | 19,410,000                              | 1897       | 27,665,220    | 29,405,000      |
| 1858 | 4,234,280    | 16,934,200                              | 1598       | 3,409,400     | 51,503,500      |
| 1859 | 871,940      | 12,728,900                              | 1899       | 33,387,680    | 40,206,000      |
| 1860 | 11,553,400   | 10,899,000                              | 1900       | 37,491,680    | 49,190,000      |
| 1861 | 59,529,060   | 15,360,000                              | 1901       | 2,230,520     | 31,920,000      |
| 1862 | 1,842,660    |   | 1902       | 625,080       | 35,072,500      |
| 1863 | 2,855,800    | 19,331,400                              | 1903       | 5,748,560     | 19,080,000      |
| 1864 | 4,085,700    | 15,873,200                              | 1904       | 125,135,940   | 102,683,500     |
| 1865 | 7,024,000    | 20,850,000                              | 1905       | 1,180,220     | 36,260,000      |
| 1866 | 13,975,500   | 16,845,000                              | 1906       | 1,393,800     | 41,315,000      |
| 1867 | 5,021,300    | 18,415,000                              | 1907       | 36,495,620    | 43,316,000      |
| 1868 | 1,972,000    | 16,750,000                              | 1908       | 88,558,200    | 440,000         |
| 1869 | 3,503,100    | 13,735,000                              | 1909       | 3,225,640     | 55,498,500      |
| 1870 | 3,103,700    | 19,640,000                              | 1910       | 9,643,340     | 42,565,000      |
| 1871 | 1,603,000    | 18,560,000                              | 1911       | 3,947,000     | 15,515,000      |
| 1872 | 5,037,600    | 15,600,000                              | 1912       | 2,996,480     | //              |
| 1873 | 34,196,500   | 20,812,000                              | 1913       | 3,376,760     | 680,000         |
| 1874 | 7,336,000    | 24,280,000                              | 1914       | 1,906,400     | 29,960,000      |
| 1875 | 5,914,800    | 24,600,000                              |            | -70-7-7       | ,,              |
| 1876 | 11,678,100   | 31,940,000                              | Total      | \$846,596,540 | \$1,432,570,520 |
| 1877 | 7,953,400    | 34,700,000                              |            |               |                 |
| 1878 | 10,872,900   | 34,780,000                              |            |               | Denver Mint     |
| 1879 | 4,152,600    | 24,476,000                              | 1906       |               | \$12,405,000    |
| 1880 | 1,029,120    | 16,720,000                              | 1907       |               | 16,845,000      |
| 1881 | 45,200       | 14,540,000                              | 1908       |               | 20,265,000      |
| 1882 | 12,600       | 22,500,000                              | 1909       |               | 1,050,000       |
| 1883 | 800          | 23,780,000                              | 1910       |               | 8,580,000       |
| 1884 | 1,420        | 18,320,00                               | 1911       |               | 16,930,000      |
| 1885 | 16,560       | 13,670,000                              | 1912       |               |                 |
| 1886 | 22,120       | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | 1913       |               | 7,879,000       |
| 1887 | 2,420        | 5,660,000                               | 1914       |               | 9,060,000       |
| 1888 | 4,525,320    | 17,192,000                              |            |               |                 |
| 1889 | 882,220      | 15,494,000                              | Total      |               | \$93,005,000    |
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SOME NOTES FOR WEAPON COLLECTORS .- By George J. Remsburg.

Mrs. E. D. Porter, of Blandburg, Pa., writes that she has an old army

W. G. Whitley of Abilene, Kans., has several old guns in his possession, among which is a squirrel rifle, silver mounted and in fine condition. He says the only inscription he can find on it is the name "J. Beck," and he would like to learn more about the weapon. Was there a maker of squirrel rifles by the name of Beck? Who can give Mr. Whitley any information?

A. C. Gruhlke, of Waterloo, Ind., has a flint-lock gun that is not only old and curious, but of historic interest. It is one of a lot brought to the Sandwich Islands in 1740, by Capt. Cook, the noted explorer and navigator, and from there it was brought to this country by a sailor about 50 years ago. It has a massive lock, with long duck-bill hammer, peculiar to guns of the 16th century, considering its age it is in fairly good order.

W. H. Kelly of Madison, Ind., is a collector of firearms only, and has many rare specimens. He has had 13 years experience in this line. He has also quite a collection of literature pertaining to firearms. He has made a special study of U. S., shoulder arms and model guns, of which he has a number.

S. Allen, of Charing Cross, London, has an interestig narticle on weapons used by foot-pads of the 17th and early 18th centuries, in a recent issue of Field and Stream It is illustrated with a pair of French "Toby" flintlock pistols carried by Dick Turpin.

Capt. Woods, the Nebraska historical writer, a while back gave the following account in the Blair (Neb.) Tribune of the fine weapon collection of Mr. Otto Busch, of Blair, a reader of the WEST: "For over two years we have promised to see the collection of guns, pichols, etc., of Otto Busch, at Blair. Today we were fortunate enough to find him on the street in Blair and go with him and we know some of our readers will be surprised when we tell them he has twenty-six or twenty-seven valuable guns, some of them dating back to the Revolutionary war, over 160 pistols and revolvers of various patterns, horsepistols, deringers, dueling pistols, Allen's pepper-box of various finds and a variety of swords, sabree and matchetes. There are handles of solid brass, ivery,

bone, wood, etc., some inlaid with silver or pearl. Some of the old pepper-boxes. four to six barrels, are from two to six inches long; a pistol with two barrels and only one trigger, each barrel shooting separately; double-barrel dueling pistols with shotgun calibre; one great gun with barrel fifty-six inches long that requires a full inch ball and must surely have required a rest or the man that used it must have been a giant. He has a double-harrel shotgun that Jacob Goll brought to Washington county in 1847, a Harper's Ferry musket of 1845, a mauser from Cuba, and one gun that has a place twenty inches from the hammer with a space only eight inches from the muzzle for the cap that is fired with a rod and spring; Spencer repeaters, etc., old fashioned copper powder flasks, leather holsters, etc., some of them that could scarcely be duplicated anywhere these days. Among his swords is one with a four inch blade in a leather scabbard not over two feet long that would probably cleave a man's body with one blow, and some day we will make another visit and tell more." Since the above was written, Mr. Busch has added much to his collection and now has about 200 pistols, 60 rifles, besides Jumerous swords, daggers, powder flasks, etc.

#### DENVER BANKER RECEIVES SET OF GERMAN WAR MEDALS.

Godfrey Schirmer, president of the German American Trust company, has added to his collection of medals a number of those commenmorating events in the present war. The medals were struck off by the German government. Mr. Schirmer's collection of medals is said to be one of the largest in the country and perhaps in the world. He has spent years in getting the collection together. Mr. Schirmer received the new set of medals from a friend in St. Louis. He does not know how they were brought across the water.

Among them are art pieces containing busts of the kaiser, the king of Bavaria, Maj. Gen. Oberst von Woyrsch and others taking prominent parts in the war. The taking of Kovno on Aug. 18, 1915, was commemorated by a special medal and the entrance of the Teutonic armies into Serbia early this year under the command of General Mackenzen was the occasion for the issuing of a medal with a bust of that general.—Clipping sent by Milliken.

#### HAS PAPER MONEY OF CONTINENTAL TIMES.

The fact that a couple of men found continental bills worth a thousand dars in an old Bible in New Jersey recently, caused Mrs. Clara C. Titus of Batavia, Ohio, to remember that she had a number of pieces of continental money which have been in her family's possession for years. The paper money on one side states it is of the Colony of New York, which on the other it sets forth the fact that it represent so much milled Spanish silver. Mrs. Titus has five pieces. One is for three dollars, dated 1775, and was printed by John Holt; another is for a dollar, one for two-thirds of a dollar, one for a third of a dollar, and five for a quarter of a dollar. The last four pieces were printed by Samuel Loudon in 1776.—Sent by Hoover of Troy, Ohio.

There are shells on the seashore of Barhadoes so small that 100 of them can be laid on a space covering only an eighth of a square inch.



#### M N RUNKER, EDITOR, Colby, Kansas,

IN LITERARY INDIANA.—One who has been hanging on for years and now like Oliver Twist, in Dickens' "David Copperfield," is still "handing up his wlate for more."

A new magazine devoted to the interests of those who write—stories, photo-plays, articles, and every other form of literary effort, has been established at Hannibal, Missouri, by a literary lurean at that place. The new publication is known as "Timely Tips" witch is in itsef a pretty large program which we trust the publishers will fulfill, and from the letters they receive from their subscribers it would seem that it is doing. The address is The National Literary and Publishers Service Bureau, Hanibal, Mo.

Mr. J. Edward Blandy, S. P. A. No. 1237, writing from Alberni, B. C., under date of August fifth describes some of his old books in the following letter: "I have in my possession an old Almanne dated 1816. It is in style, somewhat similar to the information given in 'The Gentleman's Pocket Book.' The index of contents is stamped, Almanne-One Shilling and Three Pence. In this book a list of Births, Marriages and Issue of the Sovereign Princes of Europe, is given. The Euperor of Austria was king of Bohemia. Among these I notice, Mecklenburgh Strelitz, also Princes Pate Electors of the German Empire. Prussia (King and Elector of Brandenburgh), Sardonia, Italy, Naples and Sichly, Turkey, United Netherlands, etc. Lubee, Hamburg, Bremen and Bergedorf cities had lots of stamps of their own, some very pretty designs. When a boy I had stamps of such states as Modena, Tuscany and Parma, Saxony, Baden, Hanover, and 'I had two stamus with 4 little squares which I believe were Mecklenburg Strelitz (Goatsheads!) I notice too that under the heading General Post Office two names are given as Earl of Chilestear and Earl of Claucarty."

I have a few old books, among them a copy of Smith's Late War, a personal narrative for the most part, descriptive of the author's suffering and privations during the War of 1812. This book was published by F. Bradford, Lexington, Ky., in 1816. I have also a copy of Morse's Geography by Jedediah Morse, D. D. Jublishers of this work were Thomas & Andrews and the date of preface is No., 1814. Besides these I have a copy of Union Bible Dictionary, dated 1837; a Life of Christ, of same date, and a Life of Henry Clay dated 1830. The title page of the last named book is missing, consequently I do not know who the author is or was, but in the preface he claims to have been personally acquainted with Mr. Clay. These books were handed down to me from my grandfather, and although they may not possess great pecuniary value, I treasure them very highly.—Leon Ozmore, S. P. A. 1735, Newton, Ga.

Mr. Albert Hirscelman, Newburgh, Indiana, sends us a list of old books which he has. None of these appear to have any great value, but we publish the list in view of the desire to secure quite common books, on the part of our readers: One McGuffey's New Sixth Eclectic Reader (exercises in Rhetorical Reading with introductory Rules and Examples. By Wm. H. McGuffey, L. L. D. Entered the Congress in the year 1857. One Sketches of the Rise, Progress and Decline of Secession, with a Personal Experience among the Rebels. By W. G. Brownlow, editor of the Knoxville Whig. Entered the Congress in the year 1862. I have also one musk-loading, A System of Mitchell's Modern Geography Embollished by Numerous Engarvings by S. Augustus Mitchell. Entered the Congress in the year 1852. One McGuffey's Eclectic Third Reader containing selections in Prose and Poetry. By Wm. H. McGuffey. Entered the Congress in the year 1853. One A Complete Arithmetic uniting Mental and Written Exercises by E. E. White, W. A. Entered the Congress in the year 1870. One Practical Grammar of the English Language, by Thos. W. Harvey, A. M. Entered the Congress in the year 1868. One of Gray's School and Field Book of Botany Copyright by Asa Gray in the year 1887.

The Tug of the Millstone, by Rev. Clarence E. Hatfield, Lyndon, Kansas, is one of the very best books of its kind we have seen in many, many months. It is ludicrous, interesting, and besides teaches some valuable lessons without being at all "preachy" and we are most glad to commend it highly to those who wish a book that will be a real addition to their libraries. Copies, possibly autographed, may be secured from Mr. Hatfield, for regular price.

Can you help to answer or give information about these?

Henry Fielding, 6 Vol., Gray Buckram, Leather labels, gold stamped, published by National Library Co., N. Y., Edition De Luxe, Limited to 1000 sets. Set No. 486.

Tobias Smoller, Sister set of above. No. 472. 6 Vol., uniform with above.

Ocsar Wilde 10 Vol. Lemon colored, Heavy Art Cloth, Limited to 1000 sets, not numbered, Published by National Library Co., N. Y. Has notation, "All rights reserved, 1999." Leather labels, etc., as above.

What did these sets sell at when first published? National Library Co. now out of business. If you can help out on this write direct to Mr. A. E. Mason, 3187 West 82nd St., Cleveland, Ohio.

George Elliott admirers will be interested in this clipping from a daily newspaper query department: Reader—Please give me the translation of the following: "Qui nacque il divino poeta," the inscription on a doorplate in George Eliot's Romola.—The author speaks of a street in old Florence, which, she says "is now rarely threaded by the stranger, unless in a dubious search for a certain severely simple doorplate bearing this inscription: "Qui nacque il divino poeta." "Here was born the divine poet," meaning Dante.

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#### A KOLUMN FOR KANSAS KOLLECTORS. By George J. Ren sburg.

Rev. S. Altman, of St. Benedict's college, at Atchison, now has over 16,000 stamps in his collection. These are all different and do not include thousands of extras or "duplicates" that he has.

Elizabeth Lampe conveyed to Ida M. Barrick of Kansas City recently, two and one-half acres in Johnson County, Karsas, on the Strang Line. This was the old homestead of Rad Carpetner, a Shawnee Indian, who homesteaded the land in 1859. The first transfer of the 'and in 1870 conveyed 160 acres for \$3 an acre. The consideration in this week's sale was \$7,000, or about \$3,000 an acre.

What kind of a gun would you use if you were hunting for humming birds, the smallest of feathered creatures? Chief of Police Harvey Parsons, of Topeka, who used to live in Florida, used a large bore shotgun when he was getting specimens of the tiny bird for a mature ist. However, he shot water out of the gun, not lead, and the charge of water stunned his prey without hurting its body or disarranging the bright plumage. "I took the shot out of my shotgun shells," said Chief Parsons, "ard put water in the space left, wadding it in as tightly as the shot had been. Thus I had a spray when I fired the gun strong enough to knock the birds to the ground. You can't catch a humming bird in a net, because they will ruin themselves as good specimens by flopping about in the net's folds."

Mrs. Henry Klinkenbeard, Sr., of Hoge, has a bedspread that took first present at the State Fair in Topeka last fall. The bedspread is made in what is known as the Greek key pattern and weighs about 8 pounds. It took 112 balls of No. 5 D. M. C. to complete it. Mrs. Klinkenberg has been offiered \$100 for the spread, but values it at double that amount, as there is about \$20 worth of material in the work besides many months of labor.

"A History of the Roman Empire," printed in 1571, and a "Holy Bible," printed in 1670, are on exhibition in the window of August Still's grocery, in Atchison. They are the property of Mr. Still's father, Matt Still, and have been family heirlooms for a couple of hundred years.

The Rev. John Bennett, an Episcopalian minister, of Kansas City, Kans., who took up the study of rock formations as a hobby, fifty years ago, and became so interested in the work that he has followed it ever since, is said to have contributed more to Kansas geology than any other one man, says the University Daily Kansan. Coming to Kansas from Wisconsin at the close of the civil war, Mr. Bennett took up his profession as a minister in the eastern part of the state. Because of ill health, he was advised by friends to follow geology as a hobby in order that he might spend more of his time out of doors. Tracing rock formations proved to be so fascinating an occupation that as a result of his work Mr. Bennett has followed over twenty beds of limestone through Kansas, from the Nebraska to the Oklahoma line. There is perhaps no outcrop in the state with which he is not familiar; and the Lecompton, Deer-

creek, and Topeka limestones were first traced and named by him. In spite of wide knowledge of his subject, Mr. Bennett does not claim to be a professional geologist. He did, however, give a course in geology in Kansas City University several years ago. Mr. Bennett has retired from active clerical work. He is now 80 years old; and he keeps himself young by his continued interest in his hobby. He often visits the department of geology at the University, where he is always heartily welcomed. Recently he was honored with a membership in Sigma Gamma Epsilon, an honorary Mineral and Geological fraterrity.

#### THE STANDARD SILVER DOLLARS .- By J. C. Stephens.

The term dollar is said to be taken from the German word Thaler. The Standard Dictionary defines the dollar thus: "The common unit for reckoning money values of the Country. The largest silver coin and also the smallest gold coin issued by the authority of the U. S." (NOTE.—Gold quarter and half dollars were never coined by the U. S. They are private issues, and were coined in California.)

The dollar unit was established by an Act of Congress April 2nd, 1792, and the same act provides for the coinage of a silver dollar of the value of a Spanish milled dollar; (so called on account of its milled edge) which for many years figured so conspicuously in the commerce of the world. This act also provided for a weight of 416 grains, 892.4 fine, or, in other words 892.4 parts pure silver and 107.6 parts alloy. Silver at this time was worth \$1.27 7-10 per cance.

We might say that the standard dollar has had a very uncertain career. Unlike the half dol'ar which has been coined regularly from 1794 to the present time, except the years 1798-99-1800 and 1816, the dollar has failed to make its appearance fifty times during the same period of years. First coined in 1794, they were issued each year continuously up to and including 1804, when they were discontinued because the price of silver had increased to make the dollar worth more for old silver than its purchasing power as a coin. In 1840 the regular coinage was resumed and they appeared each year until 1873 when they were again discontinued until 1878, from which time it was coined every year up to and including 1904. Since this date no dollars have been coined.

Acts passed in 1834 and 1837 changed the weight and fineness of the dollar, making its weight 412½ grains .900 fine, thus making it 371½ grains off pure silver and 41½ grains alloy to make it of serviceable hardness. These acts governed the silver dollar coinage until its discontinuation in 1904.

When the Standard dollar was discontinued in 1873 it was replaced by the Trade dollar which weighed 420 grains .300 fine. This was coined for the convenience of commerce with China and Japan and was continued until 1884 (only proofs were made after 1878) they were demonstrated in 1887 and today the Trade dollar is worth only its bullion value.

A very beautiful silver dollar was coined in 1900 to commemorate the unveiling in Paris of a statue erected by the youth of America to Gen. LaFayette who gave such valuable assistance to the Colonists during the war of the reballion

(To be Continued.)

#### TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.—San Antonio, Texas, March 20th, 1916

Dear Members:—We again have a substantial increase in membership its month, and in order to give credit to members who secure applications our Secretary has shown the standing on recruiting in this month's report, and will continue to give this information monthly. Mr. Coryell, whom I mentioned last month as having secured three applications, has surpassed his previous record and proposes eight new members. I hope that other members will emulate his record.

I would like to state that our membership has doubled in less than six months, which is something to be proud of, indeed, and if each member will secure just one more application we can doubleate this performance.

As announced in my last report, we have several plans in view to encourage philately and make our Association more valuable to our members. The first thing on our program is the formation of a counterfeit collection for the purpose of study and comparison. Every member having counterfeits among his stamps, will confer a favor upon the society by sending these to our Secretary who will look after them for the present. A suitable album will be purchased and the stamps mounted for reference. Rules will be formulated covering the loan of counterfeit specimens to members who wish to compare stamps in their collections. We do not wish to limit donations to members only, but will be pleased to receive counterfeits from any collector who would like to assist in a work of this nature. If you have any suggestions to offer on this matter, we would be pleased to hear from you. Yours truly,

Edward W. Heusinger, President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.—San Antonio, Texas, March 20th, 1916.

APPLICATIONS.—E. O. Schulz, P. O. Box 951, San Antonia, Texas. 36, issurance Agent. Porposed by E. W. Heusinger. H. O. Adler, Boerne, Texas. B. Sierchant. Proposed by G. W. Coryell. Otto Brinkmann, 114 W. 8th St., Justin, Texas. 49, City Fireman. Proposed by G. W. Coryell. Wm. G. Milroy, Favasota, Texas. 58, Cotton Buyer. Proposed by G. W. Coryell. W. C. Dungam, 1896 Brazos 8t, Austin, Texas. 32, Plumber. Proposed by G. W. Coryell. John Winneberg. 113 Main St., Jamestown, N. Y. 54, Druggist. Proposed by Charles Roemer. W. H. Blands, P. O. Box 250, Austin, Texas. 34, Druggist. Proposed by G. W. Coryell. Frederick J. Rider, Portsmouth, N. H. Legal, Stamp Dealer. Proposed by G. W. Coryell. L. V. Lindsey, Norwich, N. Y. Legal, Stamp Dealer. Proposed by G. W. Coryell. L. V. Lindsey, Norwich, N. Y. Legal, Stamp Dealer. Proposed by G. W. Coryell. Otto H. Heardt, Jr., 1092 Ave. G. Galveston, Texas. 21, Bookkeeper. Proposed by T. W. Heusinger.

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED .- 69. Hermann C. Naschke, Austin, Texas.

Charles T. Skains, Houston, Texas.
 Frank S. Porter, Toronto, Canada.
 G. A. Brucker, Louisville, Ky.
 T. W. Robinson, Denison, Texas.
 Wm. Hungate, Boerne, Texas.
 Edward T. Wallis, Indianapolis, Ind.
 John H. Ewin, El Paso, Texas.
 T. Wm. L. Wilcox, Dunedin, New Zealand.
 Jno. L. Clem, San Antonio, Texas.

STANDING ON RECRUITING.—Charles Roemer, 19; H. S. Parsons, 11; G. W. Coryell, 11; E. W. Heusinger, 2; one each, F. S. Lauderdale, E. D. Dor-

chester and T. E. Flick.

It is very gratifying to note the steady growth of our Association, and the number of applications indicates that the efforts of our members are bringing results. I would urge that all old members who have not yet paid their 1916 dues let me have a remittance at an early date.

H. S. Parsons, Secretary-Treasurer.

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#### SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT .- March 21st, 1916.

49 books in circulation, as per last month's report, value \$1007.10; 4 books received since, value \$126.82; 53 books, value \$113'.92; 12 books retired during the month, of which the amount of \$76.44, or 36'4 per cent was sold, \$210.86.—41 books in circulation, value \$925.06.

The insurance on the twelve books retired amounted to \$2.11, which has been remitted to the Treasurer for credit to the Insurance Fund.

On account of completing unfinished work in the Sales Department of the Southern Philatelic Association, I did not take over the duties of the Texas Philatelic Association until January 1st, 1916, and no circuit was sent out until after that date. It is therefore a matter of special satisfaction that I am already able to retire a number of books with a good percentage of sales.

Members having desirable duplicates to dispose of should hasten to secure blank sales books from me, (price five cents each), and enter their stamps in the Sales Department as promptly as possible, as the demand for good stamps is increasing daily. Old U. S. Postage in good condition and at fair prices are especially wanted and will find a ready sale.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Roemer, Sales Superintendent.

#### BURNING HUNDRED DOLLAR BILLS.

Twenty years ago there was still a large supply of the paper money issued by the Confederate Government during the civil war. Today not much of it is met with and even the confidence men have to resort to real counterfeits. What has become of it? There is a man in Albania who can answer that question, for he has disposed of millions of it. Through some scores of commercial travelers with whom he was acquainted, he was, for some years, buying up all the Confederate bills that could be procured, at a price that seemed to many too high for what was after all worthless paper.

In turn he sold it to the Edison Electric Company for a good price. For certain small incandescent lamps which the Edison people were manufacturing, a certain kind of carbon was needed which could best be obtained from paper made out of sea\_grass. That kind of paper is not made any more. But the Confederate money was all made out of sea\_grass paper. From this the carbons for the lamps could be manufactured. Now that the sea\_grass paper can on longer be had, bamboo is being used instead, but it is not quite so good.

#### THE STORY OF AMERICAN MUSEUMS .- By Alfred O. Philipp.

#### NO. 1-THE NEW YORK AQUARIUM.

Owing to the difficulty of their maintenence there are very few institutions in this country devoted to the exhibition of fishes and marine animals in their live state, that present a very creditable showing. A gratifying exception is the New York Aquarium, which is not only the peer of any other aquarium in this buntry, but is also the largest and most complete institution of its kind in the ntire world. Its exhibits include live fishes, turtles, frogs, crocodilians, sala-tanders, marine mammals and invertebrates.

Conducted under the management of the New York Zoological Society, it is located at the extreme and of Manhattan in what is known as Battery Park. It is easily accessible from all points in New York City and is open free to the public from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. The popularity of this institution is attested by the coormous daily attendance, the average attendance for the year of 1909 being 10.429 visitors daily.

The Aquarium building is circular in form, and is 205 ft. in diameter. It cotnains 7 large floor tanks, 94 large wall tanks, and 30 smaller tanks. There are also 26 reserve tanks containing specimens not on exhibition. The largest of the floor tanks is 37 ft. in diameter and 7 ft. deep. There are usually about 200 species of fish and other aquatic vertebrates on exhibition, and the total number of specimens, exclusive of invertebrates and young fry in the hatchery, varies from 3,000 to 4,000.

Of course specimens occasionally die, but they are replaced whenever it is possible to do so, and new and unusual specimens are added from time to time for the edification of the public, for the concern of the Zoological Society are prepared to handle anything from a minnow to a shark. Upon his last visit to this museum the writer was curprised, as well as amused, by the playful antics of a penguin disporting himself in the pool allotted to the seals.

The building is equipped for heating salt water for the tropical fish in the winter, and for cooling fresh water in the summer. Flowing fresh water is procured from the city's water system, while large pumps within the building circuit from the city's water system, while large pumps within the building circuit from the city's water system, while large pumps within the building circuit from the city's water system.

culate 300,000 gallons of salt water daily.

The history of the aquarium building is most unique, in view of the many these which it has served. It was erected by the United States Government in 1807 as a fort, and owing to its location it was called the West Battery. But (fter the war of 1812 it was called Castle Clinton.

In 1823 the building was ceded by congress to the City of New York and was used as a place of amusement until 1855, the name being changed to Castle Barden. During this period the voice of many a noted artiste rang within the walls of the old fort, and it was here that Jenny Lind began singing in 1850 under the mangement of "Y. T. Barnur

From 1855 to 1890 the building was used as a landing place for immigrants. On Dec. 10, 1896, it was opened by the city of New York as an aquarium, and was conducted by the city until 1902, when its management was transferred

and was conducted by the city until 1902, when its management was transferred from the Dept' of Parks to the New York Zoological Society, which was at that time a private scientific association with a membership of 1796. And under the direction of the Society's zoological experts the New York Aquarium has grown from comparative emdiocrity to a position never before attained by any similar institution. Next month—The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

#### AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CURIO COLLECTORS.

COMBINED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COLLECTORS UNION
AN Instructional Society organized Jav. 1 1907, for the purpose of joining
every collector into one great Union for the mutual benefit of all. This Union
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The objects of this seelety are: To unite fraternally collectors in every branch, for mutual benefit in acquiring and disseminating knowledge pertaining to their hobbies; to give members an opportunity to buy, sell and exchange and to promote the welfare of collectors and collecting in general. to prime the control of the control

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The work of re-organizing is progressing finely. The executive board have decided to drop the words Collector's Union, using only the name of the ofder society, American Society of Curio Collectors. Several new members have come into our ranks, and others are expected.

We are busy now making up a competent board of Superintendents and while it is by no means complete the following have consented to act: Stamps, Henry Sindt, Tremonton, Utah; Western Birds, E. A. Stoner, 432 38th St, Oakland, Calif.: Society Artist, R. E. Sneder, Alta Vista, Kans. We have invited a rising young entomologist of upper Iowa, to take that office and he now has it under consideration.

One of our new members was desirous of securing a cameo of a certain type, and the A. S. of C. C. placed her in communication with just the right party. It is incidents if e this that make our Society worth while. Come and join our ranks. Yours for service. F. May Tuttle.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

- 157. Johan B. Brandt, Hendricks, Minn. Stamp Dealer. Proposed by McQuitty.
- 158. Sydney Wethantie, 800 Main St., Charles City, Iowa. Proposed by Pres.
- 159. Chas. H. Boyn, Box 447, Libertyville, Ills. Indian Relics.
- 160. C. E. Briggs, Lisbon, Iowa. Curios, relics, shells (2 years).

161. S.B. McQuown, Box 150, Burlington, Ia. Indian relies. Prop. by John Renne

All members whose time has expired are asked to renew at once and al Curio Collectors are asked to co-operate with their President to make of th combined society more help to one another. Let people know where you liv by having your name listed here. The time to join is today and you will no regret getting into this society. Application blanks are now ready, and will b glad to send any amount to those who will send them out. Write with suggestions to help make the society better.

Yours to command.

C. H. Saint, Waxahachie, Texas.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this first Agnady L. T. BRODSTOME.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this first CHAR, 6, HOUT, Notary Public, My commission expires April 13, 1926.

#### S. P. A. REPORT. (Continued from Page 138.)

REPORT OF SALES MANAGER .- Minneapolis, March 5th, 1916.

On hand Feb. 5th, 721 books with a net value of \$10,871.99. Geoelived since 154 books with a net value of \$348.44, making a total of 875 books with a total net value of \$18,720.43. During the month 3 books have been retired valued \$29,08 from which \$20.21 was sold or a percentage of 69 percent. Pretty good, is it not? Leaving 872 books in circulation with a net value of \$12,691.35. While only these 3 books have been retired, over \$1,000 has been remitted members on account of sales from their books. There is no long wait for your money under my system. Are you making use of the dept.? If not, better get busy.

INSURANCE FUND.—Insurance from books retired, 35c. J. E. Guest, ANNOUNCEMENT.—At this time I wish to announce that I will be a candidate for re-election. I have tried my best to give good service the past year, and have spared neither time nor money to make the S. P. A. Sales Dept. more efficient and of greater benefit to the members. My record speaks for itself: I trust that you approve my methods and will agree that when a man is making good to let him stay in office. Will you save your vote for me? Would be glad to have a word from any member. J. E. Guest, Minneapolis, Minn.

The Members of the Southern Philatelic Association:—Cash on hand, Feb. 1st, 855.97; Dues Ree-ived during February, \$52.60.—Total \$708.57. Disburse-ments:—C. W. Kissinger, 6. moeths postage, \$12.18; H. E. Klotzbach, Gorban envelopes, \$1.75; H. E. Klotzbach, circular letters, \$3.50; Erwin L. Fischer, 6 months salary, \$6.00; C. V. Webb, February salary, \$11.20; C. V. Webb, February postage, \$15.78; A. E. Gorbam, February postage, \$7.00—\$57.41. Balance 9n hand, \$651.16.

This report shows a little less on hand than a month ago, which is largely die to the fact of the heavy postage bills which have accumulated in one action six months. \$50.00 of the above balance is in the hands of the secretary.

Respectfully submitted, Erwin L. Fischer, Treasurer.

To the Officers and Members of the Southern Philatelle Association:—I desite to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation for the moral and Imancial support you have given me in publication of the Year Book for 1916.

Lespecialy feel grateful to the committee, my co-laborers, who joined in a task which meant the sacrifice of hours and days of their time, which could have been devoted to purposes more renunerative.

Powsonally, when I undertook the proposition, I knew just what it meant. I do not regret it. From a financial standpoint, it was a failure, the printing bill alone exceeding the advertisements. But who measures success from a dollar and oent standpoint? I aimed at one angle—to publish a book which would be a credit to our Association and which would aid us in our future work. How far I have succeeded, it is for you to judge.

I trust, however, that the efforts I have put forth will be appreciated, and that your generous spirit will blunt the sword of criticism,

Yours in the S. P. A. Lewis M. Lang, P. O. Box 476, Philadelphia.

A few copies of the paper bound edition may be had at 50 cents. A limited number gittion de luxe copies at one dollar each.

POSTER STAMPS.—How to Collect Them and How to Get Most Interest Out of Your Collection.—By Harry M. Basford.

#### (Continued from last issue.)

Some of the most attractive advertising designs come from Germany, Switzerland, and England and these are considered more valuable than those from American advertisers because they are harder to secure, not being so common in this country. Scenic and travel stamps also include both American and foreign subjects of great variety. Some of the western states, in particular afford almost countless subjects for artistic and attractive stamps. The moving picture stamps, as the name indicates, are representative of the moving picture industry. First we had simply portraits of film stars, but now several of the leading feature films have been reproduced in poster stamp form, showing several scenes from each episode of these film serials. War stamps cover a variety of subjects, such as uniforms and scenes from battle, rulers, generals, and other leaders are also included with lithographed reproductions of battleships, etc. The exhibition and community stamps form another class by themselves which includes stamps used by fairs, exhibitions, cities, states, e.c., some of them imported from Europe. The collecting of this class of stamps has a special interest, because most of them bear a date and are published in limited quantaty so that the supply is quite soon exhausted and the stamps then take on additional value on account of their rarity. Novelty designs cover about everything else not included in the other divisions, such as Indians, animals, Christmas Stamps and nature study subjects. The variety of subjects is almost innumerable.

An interesting phase of the new hobby is the collecting of stamps from a certain state or section of the country. There is a wonderful interest in collecting stamps from one's home town or state if the collector has moved to another place of residence, and collectors of foreign birth or ancestry are always most interested in stamps from the "fatherland." In this connection many cities issue attractive complete sets of stamps for the purpose of advertising the community. Some of the American cities who have recently issued such sets are New York, Chicago, Cleveland, New Orleans, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Rockford, Ill., and Dayton, Ohio. Some of these sets are published by individuals; others by the local commercial associations and in most cases they are sold at from five to fifteen cents per set.

This article would not be complete if I did not suggest to young collector how best they can start a collection and continue to add to it. There are severa ways of getting poster stamps. One of these is to call on busniess firms tha publish stamps to advertise their own business. These stamps are usually give no out on request, but if you are writing to an out-of-town firm, it is alway-courteous, and often essential, to inclose a two cent stamp for postage. Some of these advertisers may give you duplicates and these you can use for exchanging with other collectors.

(To be Continued.)

ERRATTA.—In the Thos. Elder ad of N. Y. City, his address should be 32 St., not 34 E. 23 St. St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co., set 35, of Villa Bills should be Set 25.

#### ST. CLAIR COLLECTORS CLUB.

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INFORMATION WANTED--I should like to know the present address of No. 8. Alois Vederjak. Letter sent to 243 E. 84th St., New York City, returned to me unclaimed .- Secretarv.

Chicago, March 14.-George E. Mead, El Paso, Texas, has sent \$65 in Villa currency to a local daily paper with the request that the paper be mailed to him

#### ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION.

Hotel Rochester, Tuesday, March 7 .- 95th meeting caled to order, F. B. King, President, presiding. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Merritt made a motion, which was seconded and carried, that we present with our compliments, one of our official 1915 Medals to the following: Rochester Municipal Museum, American Numismatic Society of New York.

Application for membership was presented from Jean Maunovry, 40 Joslyn

Mr. King stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Hooper thanking

Mr. Wayte Raymond of New York, one of our new members, attended the meeting. There were many among our members who had not the pleasure of meeting Mr. Raymond before, and who appreciated the opportunity of meeting and talking with him.

Meting adjourned to Tuesday, March 21st. H. H. Yawger, Secretary.

#### NOTES FROM NEBRASKA .- By Samuel P. Hughes, Howe, Nebr.

Some time since an ancient iron safe was uncovered in an old building in Florence that was relic of the territorial days. When opened the safe was found to be filled with only paper money of a defunct bank of Florence. The bills were in an excellent state of preservation and were eagerly sought after by residents, as souvenirs of a by-gone day, when Florence was considered one of the coming western cities.

According to the Kearney Hub, a local collector of that city by the name of Ferris owns the second finest collection of old coins in America. The writer is very much in doubt about this latter statement as the city of Omaha owns a collection that is valued by Numismatists at half a million dollars, and this does not by any means include thousands of old documents of the Revolution-ray War and an immense accumulation of historical matter of all kinds. The Egyptian departement alone could not be purchased for much less than a hundred thousand dollars as it contains many thousands of ancient relics of the Pharaohs, together with numerous mummies of ancient note. The paper claims the entire town is one vast curio shop containing many priceless relics.

Testudo is the name of the mammoth turtle that has just been mounted for the State University Museum. The turtle has the honor of having a mount all to himself, and is just alongside of the mammoths, elephants and numerous other specimens that fill the University halls. Testudo was obtained from the Pliocene deposits of Cherry county, and reckoning time from a geological standpoint is only three or four million years old. This mammoth turtle measures just five feet in length and is three feet across the back. The remains were secured more than a year ago by Prof. Burnett who was in the northwest with the Morrill expedition. It has taken many months of patient work to get Tustedo ready for his final resting place as some of his bones had become displaced in the millions of years that he has rested up in Cherry county.

South of the Platte river, opposite North Bend, the bluffs are composed of Loess and glacial drift, overlying the Benton shales. These shales were deposited at a time when the greater part of Nebraska was the bed of a great inland sea. This is evidenced by the finding of numerous types of extinct sea monsters who floundered and sported in the shallow waters that fringed the borders of this great inland sea. Many types of shells are found that are not unlike the shells of today that are found along the present sea coasts of North America. Up in Cass county the limestone is filled with fossilized specimens of ancient marine life that lived here when Cass county was a part of the gulf of Mexico. About a mile west of Auburn in what is known as Echo Park, a great bed of ancient marine life has been uncovered by the high waters of Longs creek. Many persons have been gathering and classifying the different specimens and tracing the development of the many forms found. The fossil bed is about two or three feet thick, underlying several feet of shale. Over this the limeston and drift is possibly 100 feet thick, the whole covered with a beautiful growth of oak and hickory and known for many miles around as Echo Park.

#### OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

The accepted idea of a phialtelist, "once a stamp collector, always one," is correctly exemplified in the life of Lewis M. Lang. Philadelphia

Way back in 1892, when philately was practically in its embryonic stage of life, we find him in the lead of that famous S. of P. convention held in Gettysburg, Pa., which was presided over by the late "Doc" Russell. The picture taken of this convention is highly prized by its owner.

The following year, the well remembered convention of Chicago, and which as gone into posterity as the "crime of "93" was held. That hard work Committee on Credentials, consisting of the late Swanbeck, and Messrs. Fox and Lang made a report covering their arduous labors until the wee hours of the morning. As a result of this convention, part of the attendants, led by Clifford W. Kissinger seceeded and organized the Philatelic Sons of America. In the meantime Mr. Lang purchased the "Collector" from the late "Bob" Miller, and after publishing a few numbers, sold out to Kissinger. For this unpardonable crime, he was called traitor, but the earnest and conscientious efforts he made to reconcile the warring factions were never appreciated and he was made the scape goat.

In 1895 he published the Year Book of the Philatelic Sons of America, and it has always been considered THE year book of the day. Arranged so as to be most convenient, the information it contained being readily accessible, it was recognized of great value.

Then like the Rip Van Winkle we read about, from a period of innocuous destudie of some twenty years, he emerged and reappeared at the Reading convention of last year. What part he took and the interest displayed, is comprehensively and accurately told by reading the 1916 Year Book of the Southern Philatelic Association, which he published. It bears the "Lang" stamp and one need not complete the book without knowing that a masterhand was its guiding spirit. He has been congratulated and praised for his latest effort in the philatelic ansative means.

A. M. Brooking, of Inland, Nebr., believes he has the largest private collection west of the Mississippi and would be pleased to have collectors come down and look it over. See next issue for illustration of the large exhibit corner of his collection.

A Rare and Valuable Relic—Keepsuke from a Martyred President, a brass whistle with a history. Among the few keepsakes or mementoes bestowed in person by our beloved martyred president, Abraham Lincoln, is a solid brass whistle and jacket, given to Henry Jacob Haner, and now the property of his son, Daniel Haner, of Herington, Dickinson County, Kansas. The whistle, very unlike those seen nowdays, was once the property of Abraham Lincoln, and was used by him while boating on the Ohio River and to call wild turkeys with, in an early day, and afterwards when Mr. Lincoln was a surveyor. Although small enough to carry around in the pocket, it was as loud and shrill as a common steemboat whistle, in those days.

In the year of 1840, when Mr. Lincoln was practicing law in Springfield, Ill., with Judge S. T. Logan, and making speeches during the political canvas at that time, Jacob Haner's parents took him to Springfield to hear him, and it was at this time that Mr. Lincoln gave the whistle to young Jacob, having taken

quite a fancy to him, and having no further use for such an article himself, and since that time, it has been a much prized keepsake in the Haner family.

When Daniel Haner, son of Henry Jacob, reached his twenty-first birthday, his father, as a birthday present, gave him the whistle which Abraham Lincoln had given him many years ago as a keepsake. Jacob Haner has since died, having passed away in Herington, Kansas, Monday, May 9th, 1910, at the age of seventy-six year.

The present owner of this rare relic, has several affidavits proving the origin and bestowal of same, and anyone interested in souvenirs, will do well to correspond with Mr. Daniel Haner, of Herington, Kansas.

Panama-Pacific International Exposition, official souvenir medal.—The Panama-Pacific Exposition's Official Souvenir Medal, authorized by act of Congress, the designs selected by the Government Exhibit Board (for which the designer received \$1000), produced at the Government's minting demonstration at the Exposition and sold by the Exposition Department of Official Coins and Medals. All sold for Exposition account, bronze 25c and coin silver \$1.00. Cut was sent by Zerbe.

In the collection of Hunter, he reports, are over six hundred pieces, some seventy different Colts alone, besides Harpers Frry Springfield 1818 and North 1827. He also has a large lot of long arms, flint percussion and others we hope to illustrate later.

The next issue will illustrate the Rarity King druggist who bought the rare 1804 dollar valued over five thousand dollars, and paid the record breaking price of \$2168 for the 1832 United States half eagle.

E. Harr of Nora Spring, Ia., will show his collection in the largest department store at Des Moines, Ia., May 8th to the 18th, and reports his page ad in March issue brought over a hundred orders inside of ten days after the WEST was issued.

The photograph of T. M. Cisell shows chairs, portrait, jar and tea-cannister all more than one hundred years old. Chairs, cannister and jar were a part of the household equipment of one of the early settlers of Old Palmyra, one of Illinois' first settlements on the Wabash. The chairs came overland from Cincinnati on horseback when the only road was a bridle path through the unbroken wilderness. Tea-cannister was a part of the cargo of a flatboat from the head waters of the Ohio to the Wabash colony. The jar is one of the first made by Ohio's early clay workers. The portrait was painted by a traveling artist in 1811 and is perhaps the only one of the kind to be found today. It shows the clothing in the bright colors of the homespun woolen used in that day. It has been placed in the frame shown in photo to protect it. The original frame is of solid oak and very crude.

Vice President Lycett reports Rishop Hartzell having disposed of his African collection, as he is uanble to continue collecting. He says the Brooklyn Branch of the S. P. A. meets in Arbuckle Institute, having undoubtedly the finest quarters of any stamp society in the country. He and his wife expect to meet the members of the S. P. A. at the Washington D. C. convention in August.

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#### EDITORIAL CORNER

The various members of the S. P. A. are "warming up" for the coming election, which promises to be a very spirited one. It is probably the first time that there has been any great opposition for any of the offices, except one, in a number of years, and may result in several changes. There is plenty of time to study the different candidates and those whom you think stand for the highest ideals of the Society are the ones deserving of your support, but whoever is elected will have to work hard to keep our society in the front ranks.

We are in receipt of a catalogue of the stamps of Spain, Colonies and Ex-Colonies, which is issued by Francisco del Tarre of Fontanella 7, Barcelona, Spain. The book is pocket size, well printed on good paper, with illustrations of all the various issues. The prices are all in Spanish and we do not doubt but the book will meet with a cordial reception in the Spanish speaking nations. The price is 50 cents.

Mr. Geo. Ward Linn's new book on "Mexico, the white and green seal issues of Sonora," has made its appearance. This book is from the press of W. M. Linn & Sons Co., and shows that the author has taken great pains to bring out all the facts concerning these issues, which have been so interesting to many. The table of contents take up the historical review of these issues, followed by the manner of manufacture, the different control marks, cancellations, fakes, etc., followed by 25 plates of the various types. It is well bound, well printed and to anyone interested in these stamps is well worth the price asked by the author. Contains 106 pages besides the plates.

Our Exchange desk has been favored this month with two visitors which we deem worthy of more than a passing remark. El Palacio which is edited by Paul A. F. Walter of Santa Fe, N. Mex., in the interests of the Archaeological Society of New Mexico opens a wonderland to the average Amrican as to the beauties which are being revealed in that land of the old Indian ruins. Mr. Walter is an exponent of "See America First" and from the numerous views shown, New Mexico is doing her utmost to preserve these interesting ruins, many of which were constructed centuries before the old castles of Europe. This is a magazine well worth the \$1.00 per year.

The second number of the Stamp Collectors Quarterly of London, is a stamp paper far surpasses anything attempted in this line. It is edited by Derek Ingrom, from whose pen numerous articles have appeared in the WEST. It is well illustrated and full of good things in the philatelic line. The subscription price is 50 cents per year and well worth the price.

Mr. Chas. Hiaumet of Arkansas submits a photo of a cancellation mark which is indeed a curiosity. The letter was mailed from Ft. Smith, Ark., Sept. 18, 1913, and is an entire inverted name.

Mr. Chas. Lazar of New York City has shown us a cancellation which contains the regular New York post mark with the worlds "received in package box collection" in two lines.

The German-American Commercial League is sending our circular letters asking for donations of stamps which will be sold and the proceeds forwarded through the Red Cross to Tientsin, China for the benefit of the prisoners of war in Siberia.

How busy the Canadian post office officials must be in these trying days of war when the common commercial mail entering the United States must be opened and then labeled shut with the censor's mark.

That the S. P. A. Year Book is still a thing to be talked of and Mr. Lang's efforts appreciated, we have a letter from one member who agrees with us that he is entitled to a medal and Albert Greasby, of Milwaukee, No. 1521, suggests that the members start a donation and give him something suitable for the work involved in the publication.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS .- Reading, Pa., April 22, 1916.

My Dear Members:-On the eve of Easter, in addressing you for the May issue, I desire to again extend the satisfaction that comes to me as your presiding officer to see the continuous long list of applications in the April number,

With such an effort and with the generous offer of our friend Brodstone, who will give to the dealer who secures the most new members for the S. P. A. before the next convention, A PAGE AD FREE OF CHARGE, and this is not only offered to members of the association but to anyone who is interested enough to get new members, and I hope that this very kind offer of our "Smiling Brody" will stimulate active recruiting.

I will prepare a list of the Resident Vice Presidents for City, State and Country and they will appear in a separate column, if not in this issue, then

By the time this issue appears, we expect to have formed on May 2, 1916. the Bethlehem Branch Number 12, and I look forward to having quite a few

Last Tuesday, April 18th, I had the honor of representing the S. P. A. at at the Hanover Hotel, Philadelphia, and I was delighted to see such an en-

We have a lot of enthusiastic members of the S. P. A. in Philadelphia, and with our friend, L. M. Lang, of the S. P. A. year book fame, as Resident Vice tation of Philatelic Philadelphians at the Washington Convention on August

the Secretary, C. V. Webb, Perry, Ohio, in proper form. Refer to Article 17.

the members of the Washington Convention, and though it seems far away,

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RESIGNED.—1906. J. C. Harzell.

DECEASED.—893. H. L. Rogers. Died April 12 of Brights disease. A member for several years with whom many of us have had pleasant correspondence.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY.—Membership, April 4, 1916, 1234. New Members, 59. Replaced. 13. Reinstated, C. Resigned, 1. Deceased, 1. Total mem-

bership, May 13, 1916, 1310.

ON RECRUITING.— C. V. Webb, 111. I. T. Brodstone, 58. J. E. Guest, 65. C. W. Kissinger, 27. V. W. Rotnem, 22. A. E. Gorham, 18. H. R. Hondricks, 11. H. E. Klotzbach, 10. Jerome G. Wolf and Wm. Lycett, 7. H. M. Fry, 9. L. B. Farvour, E. Androchowicz, A. A. Jones and O. G. Beardslee, 6. Burt McCann, Dennis Collard, Herbert Klein, 5 each. B. P. Allen, L. J. Ragatz, E. T. Wallis, W. H. Kinard, Parke M. Lawrence, E. L. Fischer, L. M. Lang and H. C. Burns, 4. Chas. W. Ritchie, H. A. Bernard, M. Ohlman, R. W. Ahlmann, R. H. Eilers, Silas Weatherby, S. H. Brainard, H. F. Christensen, J. J. Zamora, F. R. Hayworth and Dr. J. M. Suarez, 3. Following 2 each. C. P. Sutton, E. P. Seebohm, M. R. Houdlette, Justin Miller, J. R. Fish, T. Russell Hungerford, W. P. Colman, H. F. Hovey, E. L. Weiss, E. E. Elster, J. N. Clarkson, Jr., O. J. Richardson, F. P. Robins, Chas. W. Arp.

Applications 1976, 2071, 2201 have been rejected.

Applications 2131, 2132, 2125, 2080, 2044, 2036 and 1890 have been admitted. 2046 has been approved, a request for withdrawal being considered.

2072, 2211, 2196, 2185, 2174, 2139 and various applications in April WEST are still pending, Respectfully submitted, C. V. Webb, Secretary.

REPORT OF SALES MANAGER.—Minneapolis, Minn., April 4th, 1916. On hand March 5th, 1916, 872 books with a total net value of \$12,691.35. Received since, 215 books with a net value of \$2,956.62. During the month two books with a net value of \$50.64 have been retired from which the sales amounted to \$38.88 or a percentage of 77 per cent, leaving in circulation 1085 books with a net value of \$15,597.33. During the month of March 12, circuits were sent out. If you did not receive one you are certainly missing one of the greatest benefits of your membership in the S. P. A. Although the total sales from books retired to date in the department has been only \$60.00, still over \$1200.00 has been paid to members on account of sales from their books. Don't you think the service I am giving, worthy of your support? Well, then, co-operate by using the department as a buyer or seller.

INSURANCE FUND:--On hand March 5th, 35; 1 per cent from retired books, 51c. total, 86c.

J. E. Guest, Sales Mgr.

#### EXCHANGE MANAGER'S REPORT, April 10, 1916.

On hand as per last report, 188 books, catalogue value, \$5,511.71; received since then 38 books, catalogue value \$568.55, which makes a total of 266 books, catalogue value \$6980.25. Retired 4 books, (from which \$99.98 was exchanged), original Catalogue values \$143.22. Now on hands, 222 books, catalogue value \$5937.04.

INSURANCE FUND.—Amount on hand as per last report, \$12.80, insurance on 38 books received since last report, \$5.67, total amount on hand, \$18.47.

Again I wish to call the attention of the members to the fact that out of the 4 books which I report this month as having been retired, about 70 per cent was exchanged. Member: thereof who have good duplicates and want to exchange them to advantage for stamps for their collection, should patronize the Exchange Department. The new Year Book has made its appearance, and the rules of the Exchange Department can be found on pages 60 and 61. Read them over carefully and let me hear from you.

The time for our next Annual Convention is drawing near and my Nomination Petition has already been sent in. I do not know at this time if I am going to have any opposition at the coming election, but should I have opposition I trust that the members will consider what I have done for Exchange Department for the past two years and give me their support. Members who have read the proceedings of last Convention at Reading as published in the 1916 Year Book, undoubtedly have read the testimonial given me on page 51 of the new Year Book. I sincerely hope that the members will voice their appreciation by re-electing me their Exchange Manager, Fraternally yours,

E. T. Wallis, 420 Saks Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

Bethlehem Branch of the S. P. A. met May 2nd and afterwards were entertained by E. T. Parker. The entire evening was one of entertainment such as will always be remembered by the members. They had on display stamps that run into the thousands of dollars. Mr. Jones, the treasurer of the Bethlehem Steel Co has acquired in the last two years a collection that is estimated as worth from \$50,000 to \$80,000. They are mounted in an oval album and arranged with isinglass covering over the face of the stamp so that no edges can be broken or folding of the stamp occur. This is the first collection we have heard of mounted this way. Powers was also there with a magnificent display belonging to Senator Ackerman. So it can be seen the Bethlehem branch has started very auspiciously and their secretary, Mr. Fry has all the enthusiasm to make a very valuable addition to the S. P. A.

## FOREIGN REVENUE NOTES.

# By Oscar T. Hartmann.

Spanish Guinea used the 25 and 50c Fernando-Poo 1901 and surcharged them Bata and manuscript signature: Diaz. Both fairly scarce. The U. S. is represented by the I. R. surcharge on the 1c and 2c 1894-98 and the Int. Rev. \$5.00 Documentary on the \$5.00 Newspaper stamp. Porto Rico used several of the U. S. revenues surcharged for revenue. The 1d, 3d, 2c and 12c Fiji 1870-72 were surcharged D. Those surcharged V. R. are postage. France itself has no postage surcharged, but following colonies all used French stamps. In Cochin China a 20c and 1fr., various types and errors were surcharged on French postage dues of 1884. French Congo issued a few postage surcharged Copie, etc., and are all scarce; also for "Enrgistrement" the 1, 2, 5 and 10 fr. stamps of 1904. Same very scarce. For Diego Suarez the 50c and 1fr. 1894 surcharged Taxe fiscale. The 10c carmine 1900 surcharged with the word Quittance in a frame. French India has some postage used for revenue, which are well to remember for they offer no clue, except you know. The 35 and 40c French Colonies 1877 surcharged with a 30c and the 1, 5, 35, 40c of 1881 surcharged also with a 30c. For Indo-China the 5, 25, 75c 1fr. French Colonies 1881 and the 4, 5, 10, 30, 50c postage of Indo-China 1892 were surcharged with value and cents and Greffe, making 3 lines. Few values were surcharged for Madagascar with Timbre fiscale. New Caledonia had the 50c, 1, 2, 5fr. of 1907 surcharged Copies d'Exploits. The 10c of 1907 was surcharged for Reunion with Quite noe, Recu, Decharge. Many errors. Some values of 1901, 1906 and 1911 of Greek postage surcharged: OEMIE, which are used for justice courts, and the 10c carmin 1914 surcharged for Custom Duty. Here I'd better mention that good many Turkish revenues were surcharged with Greek type and used on many islands through the Turkish-Greek War. Also Italy surcharged many Turkish revenues in the war of 1912 with Italian inscrition.

The postage of Br. Guinea of 1876 were printed in lilac for the cent values and green for the doller value and surcharged: Inland Revenue in 1888. In 1885 the Hongkong 1892 10c brown on red was surcharged S. O, and also S. D, Some of the higher dollar values revenues were used postally, but look out for the cancellation, and make m mistake that it is only a bank cancellation.

There are 2 varieties of the 1 peso 1883 Costa Rica, Round and Oval O. From Shanghai, China, I received 3 Chinese republic revenues from Chekiang Province. A 20c, \$1.09 and \$5.00 value. A large stamp and principal design. Dragon in center in a double circle.

So far I have found only the £1 New Zealand issue 1881 with the watermark sideways.

To get a pair used of the 14 oz. tobacco U, S. tax paid, you have to buy a plug of Climax chewing tobacco.

On the loz. Drummond Nat. Leaf Tobacco I found a blue loz. tax paid, series of 1913 Indian head in medallion in center. Above One Ounce Tobacco in three lines.

Mrs Ongletried gave following information on Am. Telephone & Tel. Co. Franks: 5c green, no date, specimen; 5c red 1896, 5c, 50c blue 1904, 5c red on yellow, 25 red or white 1908, and 1911 the same.

#### FOREIGN PHILATELIC GOSSIP .- By A. McKee of Scotland.

The Philatelic War Funds Auction, held in London, has been a great success, as over £3,250 has already been drawn in, and there are still some mora lots to be disposed of. These will be held up for sale on the 15th of May at the Argyll Galleries, Argyll St., Regent St., W. London. At a recent meeting of the auction committee it was decided that the fund should be continued for the duration of the war. The stamp given by H. M., the King (known as the Royal Ninepence) was sold first to Mr. C. J. Phillip for £280, who rose and asked Mr. Walter Bull, the auctioneer, to offer it again. This time it was bought by well known dealer Mr. Frank Godden for the sum of £245. A special stamp habeen engraved and produced by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., and presented by them to the Fund. Centre of stamp is in black and there are 6 different frame colors, blue, green, lake, purple, orange and brown. These are known as the Sword of Justice Stamps: Set of 6 stamps, 1d postfree; sheet of 12, 1|1; 6 diff. sheets, 6|3. Catalogues of the sale can also be supplied at 1|3d postfree.

Business in the stamp market is brisk, war issues are selling grand and the prices are advancing every month. Gibbons issue a catalogue every two months, giving the latest details and prices for these interesting stamps. Some collectors are blessing themselves on the fact that they are members of a New Issue Service (so do I-we have reason). The demand for old British Colonials is steadily getting greater and prices ditto. There have been some surcharged stuff on the mcrket in good quantities, namely surcharged stamps of the Straits, Seychelies and the Leeward. These are mostly of the bwer values. We hear that Messrs, Bright & Sons 1916 Cata'ogue will be issued in two parts for the first time.

The Stamp Collectors' Annual for 1916 has just been published. This has been delayed owing to paper and printing difficulties, which exist on this side for the Pond. There are a good number of notable contributors, including Messrs D. B. Armstrong. Wilmot Corfield, A. B. Creeke, Jr., R. E. R. Dalwick, Derek Ingram, Fred J. Melville, A. J. Warren, F. E. Wilson and others.

No. 2 of the Stamp Collectors Quarterly is just out and is full of brightly written articles by well known Philatelic Writers. It is a wonderful sixpence worth, but will it be able to continue at that small sum? We hope so.

Messrs. De La Rue & Co. have taken over the printing of the 2|6, 5|- and 10|- postage stamp (of our own county) from Messrs. Waterlow Bros. & Layton and that the £1 value is not being printed for the present. Most likely this value will be suspended altogether.

The London Philatelist reports having seen a specimen copy of the Rs. 2-50 stamp of Mauritius. It is in black and red on blue, and is on lined ground, paper coloured throughout. Watermark Mulp, Perf. 14.

A new printing has been made of the 25c of Ceylon, in a brownish orange and blue. The difference is very marked.

#### THE UNITED STATES TWO CENT POSTAGE STAMP OF THE FIRST DESIGN OF THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING.

Paper read by Mr. H. Hemmelman before Washington, D. C., Philatelic Society.

### (Continued from last issue.)

The one and two cent stamps are known on double paper, similar to that used by the Continental Bank Note Company. This paper is watermarked.

In 1896 certain values of these stamps were changed in color to conform with the colors assigned by the Universal Postal Union, but the change in the two cent stamp was only in shade.

There are many shades of color listed for this two-cent stamp. For the unwatermarked stamp we have the following:

Type I. Pale pink, pink, aniline rose, rose, deep rose, coruino rose, dull lilac-rose, lilac-rose, salmon-red, red, scarlet, brown-red, rose-carmine, carmine, violet-carmine, carmine, carmine,

Type II. Rose-red, rose, aniline rose, rose-vermilion.

Type III. Rose, rose-vermilion.

For the watermarked stamp we have the following:

Type I. Rose, carmine-rose, carmine, pale aniline rose,

Type II. Bright aniline rose, rose, rose-carmine,

Type III. Bright, aniline rose, rose, rose-carmine, carmine, lilac-rose,scarlet, rose-vermilion, pink, crimson, carmine-lake.

There are several hundred plate numbers for the two cent stamp of this design. The imprint and plate numbers were placed on top, bottom and side margins of sheet. The first style of imprint used was a plain rectangle with a thin frame line. This was applied to stamps from Plate 1 to 75 inclusive, and also to number 159, for different denominations. The second style of imprint was made by cutting the frame line more clearly, and adding an arch, and a rosette and an arrowhead ornament. This imprint has been used on stamps above 75, with the exception of number 159. For F numbers 1 to 154 inclusive shaded numerals 3 m. high were used. From number 156 to 327 inclusive the numerals were more ornate and only 2½ mm. high. Above 327 a third style was introduced with numerals thing and without shading and 2½ mm. in height. Finally the present style of numerals was used.

The gum varies from white to yellow. The perforation is the regulation 12. On the 16th of April, 1900, small books of two cent stamps were placed on sale at the post office. Panes of six stamps, separated by parafined paper, containing either twelve, twenty-four or forty-eight stamps, and were sold at twenty-five, forty-nine and ninety-seven cents, respectively, an advance of one cent over the face value of the stamps.

One sheet of each value of the entire set of the 1895 postage stamps was sold in imperforate condition.

Certain values are known as part-perforate, and among those we have the two cent stamp of 1894 imperforate vertically, and imperforate horizontally.

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# ACROSS THE POND



PHILATELY IN EUROPE.—Exclusive Correspondence of Philatelic West.

Some interesting details of the "Bushire: Under British Occupation" stamps have been communicated by a correspondent. It will be remembered that there were two sets of Persian stamps overprinted, the Shar stamps of 1911-13 and the coronation issue of 1915. Of the former set there was a remainder stock in hand when Bushire was transferred to the Persian Government on October 16, 1915. This remainder stock was sent home by the Indian government and the authorities appear to have been aware that the philatelic market value of the stamps was considerably in excess of their face value. They requested therefore that any balance above face value obtained in the scale of remainder stock in the stamp market should be handed over either to British or Bushire charities. The correspondent I have quoted states that very satisfactory prices were obtained for the stamps, and some hundreds of dollars will be available for charities. The remainder stock was not a large one, and the numbers it contained of some values were quite small compared with the numbers known to have been overprinted. The consignment only contained seven denominations and did not include any of the kran values.

A Poons correspondent informs me that he has a half-anna stamp of the Indian Expeditionary Force (Indian stamps overprinted "I. E. F.") with the overprint inverted. It bears the Bushire postmark. These stamps have been used since the autumn of 1914 by the Indian Expeditionary Forces in various parts of the world, including France, but this is the first inverted error reported. The 3 pies stamp exists doubly overprinted, and a freak variety of the 12 annas is known with an extra impression of the overprint, albino on the front but inked at the back.

March 30th was the sixtieth anniversary of the peace with Russia after the Crimean War, the campaign which saw the beginning of the association of the British Post Office with British Armies in the field. Extensive arrangements were made during the war to maintain postal communication with the forces in Turkey, the Black Sea and the Baltic, and E. J. Smith of the General Post Office, London, was sent out to Turkey as Fortmaster of his Majesty's Forces, along with the three assistant postmasters and a number of letter sorters. English stamps were used and letter originating in the Crimea may be identified by the postmarks of a crown and two stars, a star and two ciphers, or the "Post Office—British Army," circular postmarks. After the war Mr. Smith's services were accepted by the Turkish Government to organize an improved postal service

and from 1857 until the Abrogation of the Capitulations in 1914 a British Post Offices was maintained at Constantinople. This post office and other British offices subsequently opened in the Turkish Empire, during the thirty years from 1885 to 1914, used British stamps with a surcharge in Turkish currency or an overprint reading "Levant," a series of stamps which enjoy a high popularity with collectors. The Georgian stamps overprinted or surcharged became obsolete with the closing of the foreign post-offices in Turkey, just prior to Turkey's entry into the present war.

The stamp designed and printed for the National Philatelic War Fund, showing a vignette of "The Sword of Justice," picture, has been very generally admired. The printers, Messrs. Perkins, Bacon and Company (Ltd), recently sent a die proof, printed in purple and gold, to his Majesty the King, whose philatelic curator has written acknowledging the souvenir. "The King is pleased to accept the die proof of the National Philatelic War Fund stamp. His Majesty is very pleased with the design, and thinks it is most appropriate. The stamps are in sets of six different colors, and are sold at 12 cents the set.

A little over three years ago there was started in Tokio the first philatelic acciety in Japan. It is called the Yurakukai, or the Stamp Lovers' Society, and its journal, the "Yuraku" takes its name from the British magazine, the "Stamp Lover." From the latest number of this Japanese journal it appears that organized philately has been making rapid strides in the country. Last year the collectors in Magoya formed the "Aiyukai," which is also to be translated "Stamp Lovers' Society;" and in Kyoto the "Kyoto Yukenkai," or Kyoto Philatelic Society, has just been established. There is also a collectors' club in Osaka, which although not strictly philatelic, includes a large proportion of stamp collectors. The spread of such organizations in Japan should help to clear that country of the counterfeiting which has been rampant for many years.

Another set of British stamps for the former German colony of Togo is about to be issued. It consists of the stamps of our Gold Coast Colony, overprinted, "Togo. Anglo-French Occupation." There is already a series answering to this description in use, but the local overprinting was crude and unsatisfactory, so a new set was ordered from the printers in London, De la Rue and Company. The London overprints are bolder and clearer and will be readily distinguished from the Colonial production.

Stamp collecting owes its origin in part to the recognition by a pedagogue of the educational value of the hobby. Before there were any special stamp albums or catalogues, a Paris schoolmaster encouraged his pupils to procure foreign stamps and arrange them in their atlases. His system was followed by others, but it has remained to one of the newest firms in the stamp trade, "Geographia" (Limited) to develop this educational side of philately on a systematic scale. Their "stamp cards" have proved a very successful innovation and a collection of these cards makes a most attractive combined stamp album and atlas. Each card has a colored map in the centre and around the map is a neatly arranged representative selection of the stamps of the country dealt with. The stamp cards are already being extensively used in the class room with good effect. A large variety of the cards has now been completed.



Questions on stamp matters must be sent to the editor of this department. It is to your benefit as well as ours, as when not sent thus oftentimes your answer does not reach me in time to be answered in the next issue and is consequently held over a whole month. Remember this and also don't forget the small fee of money, curios, minerals etc., should be sent to the editors of these departments. Reuben W. Ahlmann, Norfolk, Nebr.

1082. Where can I get a 1914 or 1915 Lincoln or Gibbons catalog? These can be secured from the publishers. Addresses—William S. Lincoln, 2 Holles St., Oxford St., London W., England. Stanley Gibbons Ltd., 391 Strand, London W. C. We cannot say as to whether either of these firms at present have American representatives or not. Perhaps some of our readers can supply the catalogs you wish. How about it?

1083. Do you buy cancelled U. S. stamps and if not, can you tell me who does? No. we are not in the market for cancelled U. S. common stamps. Would suggest that you write some of the advertisers in this paper. Anyone desiring to purchase such stamps will be given the name of this inquirer on receipt of return postage.

1084. I have a 15 bani stamp of Roumania 1893-98 with watermark reversed. Is it a fake or new variety? We would hardly class it as either. The stamp is caused by feeding the sheet of paper into the press wrong side up and if you will examine a good mush when the stamps, you will probably find a good many more like it. This is hardly a separate variety.

1085. I have a collection of about 4000 stamps which I wish to dispose of. What shall I do? We would suggest that you write some of the advertisers in this number, telling just what you have, as well as you can and ask for offers. Another plan is to sell at auction. In this case, get in touch with the auction men who advertise in this paper.

1086. I have a two cent revenue, old issue, "bank check" in a red color. What is it worth? The red color is due to fading or chemical change, caused by substances in the air or the paper to which the stamp has been attached. Original color was orange. The stamp has a catalog value of one cent.

1087. Can you refer me to any responsible wholesale stamp dealers? We cannot mention any names of dealers in these columns, as that wolud be advertising. Have you looked over the advertising pages of this paper for wholesale ads? You'll undoubtedly find some. Write Stamp Trade Pub. Co., Omaha, Nebr., for a sample copy of their paper, or send 50c for a year's subscription to their trade paper.

1088. I have a letter sheet mailed at Burlington, Iowa, on August 16th, 1854, but instead of bearing a postage stamp, which were then in used, it was stamped "Paid," "3," and "Aug. 16" all in red ink. Can you give me any information about this provisional? It is a new one to us and consequently we cannot say. Do any of our readers know of this one?

1089. I have an early three cent stamp of Canada, but instead of being red

in color as given by Scott's, it is rich brown. Can you help me out on it? We have seen nearly all shades of red and brown on these early three cent Canadians and are of the opinion that most of them are due to a chemical change? Either caused by action of chemicals in the air or in the paper to which the stamp was attached. We are partial to the latter belief, as we have seen stamps on covers affected worse than others of a different kind of paper. The stamps have no especial value.

1090. What was the first government postage stamp issued? Englard' claims this honor both in stamps (adhesives) and envelope stamps. The first stamp was a printed on direct on the envelope known as the Mulready envelope from the man who designed it. The first adhesive stamp was issued in 1840 by Great Britain. It had the picture of the queen and was printed in black with the words "Postage" and "One-Penny" at the top and bottom respectively.

#### DENVER NOTES .- By Maitland Milliken.

Denver has the following denominations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. 11, 12, 15 20, 30 and 50c precancelled DENVER, COLO. These stamps as well as those of the mountain towns are not too plentiful. Some are hard to get, no doubt.

Your correspondent has the regular 2c due stamp in a very rosy pink shade, which was used by the local post office. Perhaps other values have the same shade.

Mr. George R. Mock of Salt Lake City, Utah, was visiting several members of the stamp fraternity here last month.

We were sorry to learn that Mr. T. G. Saunders, one of our local stamp boys, was compelled to go to Toronto, Canada, on account of illness of his mother. We all hope he will be amongst us again soon.

Mr. E. A. Steiner of Breckenridge, Colo., called on your correspondent while on his way to Nederland, Colo. He has a good collection of U. S. postage and revenue stamps.

The local stamp society members are grieved to learn of the death of the father of Mr. C. Gordon Adams, our former Secretary, now of Detroit, in Quincy, Mass.

 $\mbox{Mr.}\mbox{ Jacobs, a collector of Omaha, is in the city called by the sickness of his uncle.}$ 

W. E. Dowser, of El Paso, Texas, writes what may be of interest to collectors of Mexican stamps. General Villa surcharged, to hi bet knwledge, the 2, 3 and 5c 1910 issue with the GCM monogram. The balance of the set and those three values were all surcharged by General Zapata. This accounts for the difference in some of the surcharges and also for the apparent scarcity of the values, as Zapata is practically cut off from communication with the outside and it is difficult to get any of the stamps.

#### NEW ISSUE NOTES .-- By Lowell J. Ragatz.

U. S. A.—The current 3c coil stamp is now being issued in continuous coils of 500 stamps each. These continuous coils are the result of using the newly installed rotary presses.

A correspondent has shown us copies of the 5c Proprietary revenue on postage paper. This stamp has heretofore been seen only on revenue paper.

The new 2c envelope is rapidly coming into common use, it having already appeared on various colors of paper and in all sizes. The Sterling Stamp Co. announces the discovery of the use of a second die.

The 3c postage due stamp has appeared perforated 10. All values up to the 10c stamp inclusive have now been issued.

ARGENTINE.—The current 4c violet stamp has been issued on unwatermarked paper, perforated 13 km 12 km. The note following Scott's number 188 is wrong in this case as large blocks of the 4c value have been seen on this unwatermarked paper. Doubtless all values will be found on the paper in the course of time.

Cosme Lapez informs us that a new set of commemorative stamps will be used on the next independence day. A complete set 1c to 1p all in very artistic designs is to be looked for.

AUSTRIA.—Collectors are warned against buying first issue "Feldpost" type of surcharge on the stamps of Bosnia at cheap prices. The surcharge has been counterfeited abroad. Stamps with the genuine surcharge are very scarce and command good prices.

BRAZIL.—The current 1000 reis stamp has been issued printed in slate instead of in green as it formerly was.

BOLIVIA.—The following is taken from "Mekeels Weekly": Jacques Krebs sends us a new stamp from Bo'i fa, of handsome appearance, though lithographed It is of small size, printed horizontally, with "Correos de Bolivia" at the top and the value at the bottom, with the figures of value in shields in the lower corners. The central portion is filled with a picture of "El Illimani" the pride of Bolivia 21,060 feet high. It is printed on white, unwatermarked paper and perforated 11%.

COOKS IS.—We have received the 1½d purple stamp on chalky paper, perforated 14x15.

CUBA.—Large quantities of Caba 1902 Ic on 3c purple, Scott's 232 are being offered direct from Cuba used and unused, normal and inverted. These stamps have a counterfeit surcharge.

FRANCE.—"(champian's Bulletin Mensual" reports that a series of charity stamps consisting of curent issue postage stamps surcharged "Guerre 14-16 Orphelius P. T. T." and new values in numerals is seen to be issued. The stamps will have a postal value as though they were unsurcharged, the difference between postal and new face value being applied to relief of orphans. 2c plus 3c violet brown; 15c plus 10c gray green; 2oc plus 15c duli blue; 35c plus 25c violet; 50c plus 50c bistre brown and lavender; 1f plus 1f claret and olive green; 5f plus 5f dark blue and buff.

GERMANY.—Current 3pf, 5pf, 10pf, 20pf and 40pf German stamps surcharged "Postgehiet Oh Oh." intended for use in Courland and Lithuania, Russian territory occupied by German forces, have been freely offered of late. Apparently there are enough for everyone. These stamp may be secured at face in Berlin.

HONDURAS.—"Mekeel's Weekly" states that the recently issued 2c Puente
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are tete behe. This doubtless applies to all values of the new set.

We have received copies of a new Ic stamp commemorating the taking of the presidency of Dr.Bertrand, whose portrait occupies most of the stamp. This stamp is printed in orange on white unwatermarked paper and is perforated 11½. The inscriptions "U. P. U." are found in each of the upper corners, and "1916 Recuerdo de 1 de Febrero" appear above Dr. Bertrand's picture. Below are found his name and "President De La Republica." It is said that only limited quantities of these stamps were issued, and that their sale and use was restricted to Exbrusary I.

INDIA.—The current 6 anna stamp has been issued in a changed colour, it now being printed in orange brown.

MEXICO.—Rouletted coach and anvil seal Sonora stamps have been offered us by Mexicans stranded on this side of the border. They were not authorized, amone can make these rouletted stamps with a tracing wheel.

The item regarding the anvil seal stamps last month contained the 50c value in error. We have seen no 50c value and doubt whether they exist.

Work on the new engraved set is being pushed rapidly, and it may be expected in a short time. All new engraved values will be placed on sale simultaneously wherever possible.

PERSIA.—The 6c stamp of 1915 has been reported with center inverted.

Online of the stamp of 1915 has been reported with center inverted.

Description:

Persia caters to dealers and speculators.

PERU.—To date we have received the following varieties of the new crop of provisionals appearing at this time. All are surcharged value and "1915":

On issue of 1899—1c on 1c yellow green; 1c on 10c gray black. On issue of 1905—2c on 12c blue and black. On issue of 1907—1c on 1c light green and black; 1c on 2c red and violet; 1c on 4c alive green; 1c on 10c red brown and black; 2c on 20c dark green and black; 2c on 50c black. The 2c on 20c has been found with double surcharge.

RUSSIA.—A. C. Roessler reports the receipt of new charity stamps of face values of 1k and 3k respectively. The former stamp is printed in orange brown and gray, the latter in carmine and gray. Both come on white paper. Mr. Roessler states that these stamps are not yet on sale in Russia.

#### POSSIBLE SHORTAGE OF AUSTRALIAN STAMPS.

W. H. Robinson writes that the Federal Stamp Printer has drawn the attention of the Secretary to the Postmaster General's Department to the possibility of a shortage occurring in the Printing Paper.

He states that 18,730 reams of paper are consumed annually, and while there is no shortage at present, it is possible that there may be,

The Government Printer suggests that when articles are being sent by acst, and the postage is more than a penny, the public should use stamps of higher denominations. In this way he thinks the supplies of paper will be conserved.

#### A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY .-- By Bertram W. H. Poole.

#### (Continued from last issue.)

BARNARD'S CITY LETTER EXPRESS .- A local post located at 47 Cambridge St., Boston, Mass., in connection with which a stamp was issued.

BARNARD'S CARIBOO EXPRESS .- A Californian local post operating in 1858. The franks issued by this Company bear no indication of value and all are now scarce.

BARRANQUILLA .- The Capital of the Colombian department of Magdalena (part of the territory known some years ago as Bolivar), having a population of about 40,000. In the years 1903-4 a large number of Colombian

BARRE, DESIRE ALBERT .- A French engraved born on May 6th, 1818, and who died on December 29th, 1878. He was the son of M. J. J. Barre, whom he succeeded as chief engraver to the Paris mint. He engraved the dies for the Frnch stamps of 1863 and also those of 1870, the handsome first type for Greece

BARRE, JEAN JACQUES .- A well-known French engraver who was born in Paris on August 3rd, 1793. He was an authority on most matters appertain-Mint in December, 1842. He engraved the dies for all the French stamps issued prior to 1863 and also the "Eagle" type for the French Colonial issues. His initial "B" appears below the portrait of the two French stamps issued in 1852.

BARRIOS .- This name appears on a circle in the right-hand upper corner of some of the stamps of Salvador issued in 1887-89. It is the name of one of

BARR'S PENY DISPATCH .- A local post of the United States operating in 1847 but at what town I have been unable to ascertain. The two labels issued

BARTH-WAHL, M .-- A Luxemburg engraver, who journeyed to Brussels in 1852 to examine the method by which stamps were produced at the Belgian State Printing Establishment and, on his return, he engraved the dies and manufactured the plates for the first stamps of Luxemburg.

BASLE.—The common, though incorrect, English form of the name Bale (French) or Basel (German) -- a Canton in northwest Switzeralnd. It has an area of 177 square miles and a population of over 180,000. A special postage stamp, having a facial value of 21/2 rappen, was issued here on July 1st, 1845. This stamp remained in use until it was replaced by the general issue for the

BASS, W. E.—The Postmaster of Petersburg, Virginia, in 1861, whose name is shown on the special 5c stamps issued there at that time previous to the introduction of the stamps for general use in the Confederate States,

BASTED MILLS.—Some of the 1/2d and 1d stamps of New Zealand issued in December, 1901, were printed on paper manufactured by the Basted Paper Company, at the village of that name in Kent. It is a thin hard paper watermarked with double-lined "N Z" and star. Although the catlogues give the spelling as "Basted," I believe the name of the Kentish village is actually spelled "Bastead."

#### NOTES .- By Sorensen.

The war has been the cause of a good many series of "war stamps" in the different European countries. The main air in issuing most of these stamps seems to have been to tax philatelists for the benefit of "Red Cross" or other benevolent cause, or to help pay the enormous war expense. And in order to make stamp collectors gather them up faster, they are executed in a very artistic manner, some showing views of battle grounds, airships, etc. Some of the stamps have postal value, such as the German-Belgian and German-Polish, some of which are the common stamps surcharged. Others are inscribed with patriotic or sentimental legends. Over 100 German war stamps bear the slogan "Gott Strafe England." In all has the war given us so far more than 1000 different "war stamps."

Postage stamps prepared by the short-lived Irish republic have been found ready for issue. They were printed in the republican colors, green, white and orange, with insert pictures of the three Manchester martyrs, Larkin, O'Brien and Allen on a shamrock leaf. Beneath is a harp and the words "God save Ireland."

C. K. Harris, of Balboa, Canal Zone. writes that the Government has placed an order with the Mount Hope Printing Plant, for the first stamped envelopes for the Canal Zone. The order calls for thirty thousand with one cent stamps and forty thousands with the two cent stamp. The one cent envelopes will sell over the counter for \$1.10 per hundred while the two-cent ones will cost \$2.20 per hundred.

He writes on May 2nd, that he was on hand May 1st to get a good supply of these envelopes. You will note that the two cent stamp is off color from the regular stamps. This is the first set of stamped envelopes ever printed for the Canal Zone. You will also note there is no glue on the tab of the envelope due to the fact that in that country the hot weather softens the glue, and the tab sticks to the envelope before they can be used.

The Canal Zone Postage Due stamps with blue surcharge have now been withdrawn from sale and red surcharges are being used. They are printed in the 1 cent, 2 cent and 10 cent denominations.

M. C. Bernhardt, of Michigan, sends two French war censor seals (see next number) He reports seeing an article telling collectors to be on the watch for United States stamps cancelled by the U. S. Field Post Office somewhere in Mexico. He has noticed Mexican stamps with two different surcharges. The latest is G. P. de M. in a rectangular frame, signifying, Provisional Government of Mexico, also Gobierno \$ Constitucionalista. Both surcharges are on one stamp.

A prize contest of stamps will be held in Baltimore at the end of May, for benefit of the Belgian wounded soldiers and refugees. Any help or gifts from and readers of the WEST, will be very much appreciated. G. Rory, 526 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. Ref.—Mr. Leftwhicht, Belgian Consul, Baltimore.

#### SOCIETY NOTES AND COMMENT.-By Harold K. Bowen, Ft. Dodge, Iowa.

NOTE: Secretaries of stamp and coin organizations are requested to send news and publications. Always enclose a two cent stamp when writing the Editor of this department for information.

Forty-five Boy Scouts were royally entertained at a meeting of the Medina Branch of the S. P. A. It has been said that the boys of today are the men of tomorrow. It may also be said that the best boys of today make the best men tomorrow. Perhaps these best men may tomorrow be the members of the Medina Branch. Work like this is to be appreciated and we understand Mr. S. Weatherby was the guiding hand in this movement.

The M. P. A. year book is a very creditable work though not as large as that completely detailed year book of the S. P. A. The year book committee consisted of Victor V. Boyer, Burton R. Fidler, Chester C. Heffner, and William H. Hillenbach.

An exhibit of postage stamps was given by the Hill Top Y. M. C. A. Club of Knoxville, Pittsburg, Pa., on April fourteenth and fifteenth.

The Western Philatelic Ass'n held a meeting on April thirteenth in the class room of Chabot Observatory, Cakland, Cal. The officers for the present year are Wm. G. Gibson, president; Kenneth Macabee, vie president; Oliver G. Beardslee, secretary; Philip Gray, treasurer; and E. S. Blackwell, sales and exchange manager.

The Brooklyn Stamp Society has published a twenty-eight page year book.

The Herts Philatelic Society of England recently presented the St. Andrews Hospital with an X-Ray machine. English societies seem to be greatly affected by the European war.

Seven hundred and fifty English stamp collectors are members of the Stamp Collectors War Fund Organization. Over \$15,000 worth of stamps alive been donated. The King, L. L. R. Hausburg, Fred J. Melville, and C. E. McNaughton are the leading supporters of the organization.

The Detroit Collectors Society celebrated its second year by meeting at Hotel St Clair The invitations were mailed at 3:30 p. m. on March fourth at Windsor, Ont., and arrived in Detroit at the same time.

The Philatelic Brotherhood now issues a monthly bulletin in order to make the organization more secret.

The San Francisco Stamp Society held a special meeting on Monday evening, April the third, for the purpose of amending the by-laws. The list of officers was increased by the addition of a librarian. Mr. Oliver G. Beardslee, of 350 Folsom St., was elected to serve in that capacity. Hereafter the meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month.

An exhibit of stamps and coins was held at the Public Library of Lynn, Mass., on February eighteenth and nineteenth. Ribbons and cups were given to the winning exhibitors.

The second annual dinner of the N. P. S. Boston Society, was held on the evening of February the tenth.

The New York Philatelic Exchange is issuing monthly bulletins which are distributed in New York for the purpose of securing new members.

NOTES FROM EGYPT .-- By V. Rainford, S. P. A. Member,

#### (Continued from last issue.)

I have been privileged to examine several mint sheets of the 2 millieme Egyptian provisional purchased at various post offices throughout the country with a view of discovering errors or varieties of the setting so dear to the heart of the European collector, but beyond a very minor variety, my efforts in this direction have proved unavailing. The variety referred to occurs on the eighth stamp of each row, the long upright Arabic character points upwards to the space between the first "E" and "M" in "Milliemes" instead of directly towards the base of the "F" as in the normal setting. As these stamps are likely to become fairly common, collectors should have ample opportunity of making the search if they feel sufficiently interested.

Rumors of a new issue for Egypt have been more prevalent outside the country than they are in it. I am accuainted with some of the officials of the Postal Administration, but I can gather nothing of a definite nature with reference to a change. There is little doubt, however, that it will come about in time and the change will probably apply to the neighboring condominium, the Soudan. I think collectors will be well advised meantime to pick up what fine copies of the higher values of the pictorial issue they may see, for in the event of a sudden withdrawal, they should become good property. Most of the 50,100 and 200 mills values are used on parcel post dispatch notes, and those I have seen give the impression that while the Department is economizing elsewhere in a very laudatory manner, it is still showing some unnecessary extravagance in the use of obliterating ink, much to the detriment of these otherwise extrmely artistic labels.

The cheapest way to get stamps is to beg for them. The most satisfactory way, to buy of some regular stamp dealer who has a reputation for honesty. In former days it was quite common among collectors to visit mercantile houses and beg the stamps which came on foreign letters, but now it's pretty hard to get stamps in that way except through the influence of friends, for many houses, especially in cities, sell their foreign stamps to dealers for good hard cash.—From an Ohio Paper.

New Zealand Georgians are due for a change in colors. Whether because of a shortage of anilines or similarity of certain values, we know not the reason. The 2d and 4d will swap colors.

#### FOREIGN REVIEW.-By Robert C. Edgar, Box 362, Wichita, Kan.

NOTE:—Any reader who wants copies of these Foreign Papers may needed them from me if postage is included. Will also give subscription rates and addresses if requested.

Brazilian Philatelist for January, 1916, comes out in a new cover, in honor of their seventh anniversary. There is an insert showing the present water-mark in both postal and revenue issues.

El Eco Postal, the official organ of the Valencint Phiatelic Union, has the usual line of new issue dope. I note the new surcharged Gabon for use in Cameron for use of the French and English troops.

El Evo Philatelic, Mendoza, A. R., for January, has mostly Central and South American new issues and write-ups. This paper claims a large circulation in Latin America.

The Madrid Philatelist for January, 1916, comes out in a bran new coat, which a great improvement over teh cover. This is the number of Volume No. 19 and con tains a complete index of Volume No. 18. This paper in my opinion is the best philatelic publication I have ever seen published outside of U. S. A.

The Philatelic Magazine contains articles of various philatelic charities and the various German Colony overprints.

The Swedish Philatelist for February 16th, Dresdent Philatelist and Het Philatelistisch Maandhoin of Holland all look like good papers.

The Stamp Lover, London, for February and March, 1916. Mr. Melville in this issue states that the meeting of the Junior Philatelic Society on April 1st, says the wag who has prepared the program asks all the members who can come to bring with them all of the examples of philatelic hoaxes they can. Would have liked to attend that meeting with some near stamps I have. He also shows the Special Philatelic War Fund Stamps reproduced with an extra good cut. These stamps are somewhat after the idea of the Hotel Sherman stamps, only somewhat smaller. They come in six colors, blue, green, lake, purple, orange and brown. These stamps were made by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., and donated to the National Philatelic War Fund.

Field's West End Philaetlist for March 1916, is full of minor varieties of the varbus German Colony overprints. They sure ask a lot of money for those issues. For the Samoa G. R. I. set of 9 varieties \$42.00 is asked; 50c U. S. 1912 12 cents and \$1.00 1912 18 cents, are some of the prices quoted.

Stamp Collecting for April 1st, 1916, threatens us with another issue of English Colonies, the Island of Ascension. This island is 8 miles long and 6 miles wide, of volcanic formation, barren and uninhabited, until the imprisonment of Napoleon at St. Helena. If they could get along from then till now, why should we be burdened with a set ofneedless stamps of the calibre of the Island of Naura, as mentioned in last West.

The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly for March 25th, has an account of the Philatelic War Fund Auction, the King's gift, a mint copy of the nine pence from plate 5 was purchased by Stanley-Gibbons for 280 pounds, who immediately put it back for resale. The successful bidder was Mr. Frank Godden who got the stamp for 2245. This sale realized over \$15,000.00 with a lot of lots arriving too late to get into this sale. Under the head of Blasphemy, the following article was published We are coppying same without any comments except they are taking a dig at us (U. S. A.):

"One does not expect an auctioneer's catalogue to be, like Dan Chaucer, a well of English underyled," but the author of the prefatory note in the catalogue of the National Philatelic War Funds Auction might surely have done setter than this: This Philatelic War Fund Auction has had the inestimable adantage and honor of the approval of H. M. the King, who has donated a specinen that can hardly fail to ultimately become the most valuable and cherished example of any issue of the British Empire.' Leaving out of account the split infinitive, 'ultimately' is redundant, and 'donated' is detestable. The new English Dictionary admits 'donate,' it is true, and describes it curtly as 'chiefly U. 'j.' And in that category it had best remain.—From 'The Daily Chronicle' of 4th March.'

The Australian Stamp Journal for March 10th received. The Publisher, Jr. J. H. Smyth has recently moved into new quarters. On Page 79 he shows in exterior and an interior view of his new home. He shows four blacks of 25 tamps current Australia but surcharged for use in N. W. Pacific Islands. He lso comments on the price of Sydney Views as is shown on an old Invoice ated 25 years ago and present prices.

The Spanish Philatelist for January and February, 1916, contain a comlete prospectus of the 6th Philatelic Exposition to be held in Buenos Aires durag September 1916. The program fills all of the reading matter for these two ssues.

The Philatelist, Barcelona, Spain, outside of new issue dope and an article n early France, have nothing of interest in them.

De Postzegel Gids for March, 1915, is the first copy of this paper I have ver received, being that it is printed in Holland Dutch, am unable to read any fit except the pictures. They have a nice large cut in the upper left corner, of n American Indian, sitting on a rock, with nothing on but a pair of pants, his air spread over his shoulders and back same as a woman drying her hair, that a feather duster on top of his head, looking at a stamp album—some ream. In the opposite corner they have three African black men with nothing n but a breech cloth and a smile, dancing a war dance under a triangular Cape f Good Hope stamp—more dream.

MEXICO.—The two types of so-called Villa G. C. M.'s, by Lowell J. Ragatz. t does not seem to be generally known that there are two distinct types of the o-called Villa (interlaced menogram G. C. M.) surcharge on the stamps of the 'ederal issue of 1910. General Villa had surcharged some of the lower values aptured in cities in northern Mexico by means of typography, using a glossy lack ink for the purpose, while General Zapata, in the interior, had surcharged Il values of the set, 1c to 1p inclusive, by means of lithography, using a dull lack ink for the purpose, while General Zapata, in the interior, had surcharged harged by Villa. We have yet to see any of the high values bearing Villa's urcharge, and doubt whether they exist. The reason that the values with the hapata surcharge are so scarce and the low value stamps with the Villa surharge are so common is that Zapata was and is nearly cut off from communicaon with the outer world, while Villa controlled many of the border cities, here the stamps surcharged at his order could be purchased in big lots often s low as 5c on the peso.



To shirk interest in your collection now means that you will pay the penalty later on. There are many stamps being issued in these stirring times that can never be bought again at the prices now being quoted.

It is inherent in most people to collect something, and at the present moment of this great European conflict, in which the youth and manhood of so many nations are engaged, the desire of thousands, perhaps millions, of people is to have some kind of souvenir of the war, and what can be of greater interest than a good collection of war stamps?

The WEST is the only stamp paper in the U. S. that has been published by the same publisher for over twenty years.

The finest and handsomest S. P. A. Year Book ever published has arrived from the printer. It's a beauty and is worth many times its cost. It is the finest we have seen, of any society and worth cost of dues alone.

"No better example of the restful and recuperative influences of our favorite hobby upon convalescents, and those who seek a change from the routine of business or professional life, than the circumstances now reported in connection with King George of England, who is known to be a stamp collector. The King has been advised by his physicians to lay aside all the more serious affairs of state and to get out his stamp albums and play. Following this advice as well as his own inclinations, it is said that the King has indeed taken up his stamps with great enthusiasm."

The postage stamps of Beigium, with head of King Albert, are now being offered by Continental dealers considerably under face value, and it is predicted that present quotations will drop considerably before the numbers seized by the German forces are unloaded. Present offers vary from 25 to 75 percent of face.

It is reported in several directions, both in London and Paris, that some quantity of certain current values of Falkland Is overprinted South Georgia are offered for sale. We have to state that such varieties have never been officially issued, and there is a decided suspicion these have been made solely to attempt a swindle on the unwary, much on a par with the German South West African values overprinted G. R. I. Collectors are strongly advised not to purchase from unreliable quarters any supposed provisionals under pretext of special bargains.

A double grill is commonly understood to mean two grills on the same stamp. The term really signifies that the same grill has been impressed twice. Stamps in this condition are extremely scarce.

More collectors and readers advertise their trades and wants in the WEST than in all other U. S. collectors papers combined. You can reach them in advance through an X Want Ad. 2c a word, 3 times at price of 2. Pays big, try #0.





S. P. A. International Secretary H. E. Klotzbach, Buffalo, N. Y.

Lieut. Col. E. Wurtele, Quebec, Canada.



Thos Harp, Boults, La., and some of his arrowheads.

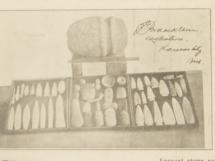


Rev. Thos. Huss, Leesburg, New Jersey.











Largest stone axe
in the world, weight
33 lbs., 10 or. Found
6 years ago by farmer boy near mouth
of Des Molnes River, Clarke Co., Mo.
In the collection of Braceklein, Kansas City, Mo.
See more or his collection in the next issue.



Some views of Washington, D. C., where S. convention meets next August.





Jacp. Bonita, La.



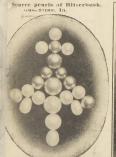
mes and Postmarks.





The brend card used in Germany.

Axes, Celts and Filiat Arrows, with two exceptions found in Nebraska. In the collection Brooklug has some 400 axes and celts and filiat arrows by the barrel.







German War Medals to celebrate events which so far have not come off



Some of Belgian home made money See write up in next issue.



Skull and pipe found near Benlin, La.

Scarce Rifle of Anderson Collection Buffaio raised by Gilbert of Friend, Nebr., mounted by Brooking, Weight 1465 lb, height, five feet



SAN DIEGO

# ART, ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTIQUES.

#### EDITED BY MRS. TUTTLE, OSAGE, IOWA

The writer has been asked by Mr. Allen Jesse Reynolds to take his place as editor of his notes in WEST, and while we deeply regret the enforced resignation of Mr. Revnolds, we are very glad to help our readers keep in touch with these lines of interest, and will be very glad of your help. Please send clippings, MSS., or magazines containing articles of interest along the lines of Art. Archaeology and Antiques, or Natural Science to the above address. Proper credit will be given to the individuals contributing anything authoritative to these columns.

J. O'Malley Irwin is a member of a party which recently discovered a dragon in a cave in the Ichang gorge, near a customs station, called Ping Shan Pa in China, Mr. Irwin says that after they had entered the cave about 100 yards, they found themselves walking along a ridge, in order to keep out of pools of water, and as the ridge continued in a serpentine manner, their curiosity was aroused and on investigating found they were walking on the back of a huge dragon, about 70 feet of which was in sight. It was about 2 feet high. the two front legs were about twelve or fourteen feet from the head, and another pair about 40 or 50 feet from the head. The head appeared to be large and flat. It seemed probable that the specimen examined is a fossil of a morosaurus camperi, and that it and the other reptiles were trapped in the cave in past ages and there starved to death. Comparison between the length of the reptile and the depth of the body would point to starvation. An account of the discovery with flashlight photographs of the fossil have been sent to the British Museum.

The most perfect specimen of Edaphosaurus is now in the Walker Museum of the University of Chicago, Millions of years ago it was buried in a carboniferous marsh in Texas. It is six feet long and four feet high. Its back is mounted with a crest of elongated spears, the use of which is not known. They were very likely covered with a heavy skin and may have been for protection.

This animals was an early form of crocodile and in the present day reptile the spines have nearly disappeared. It lived on shell fish and inhabited swamps and marshes.

The skull of the animal was mounted in a separate case for purposes of closer study, being replaced in the mounted skeleton by a plasted reproduction,

And while we are on the subject of Sauraurus we might as well tell you about one more, that was found near Canon City, Colorado, by M. P. Felch in 1885. It has for sometime remained unexhibited to the public, as scientists were making it a subject of thorough study before placing it on exhibition. The parts were assembled by C. W. Gilmore and it can now be seen in our National Museum at Washington, D. C.

The fossil skeleton is about twenty feet long and weighs about a ton. Not snly the bones, but the armored points and pads are plainly to be seen, as well as many of the wonderful plate-like spines which adorned the ridge of the back. This giant lizard met its death in some violent manner, for its skeleton was found lying on its back. The bodies of the lizards were long and tapering, beginning at a diminutive head, swelling to a rather thick middle and again growing smaller near the tail, which looked like a combination of a lizard and a kangaroo. The forelegs were short. They weer armored by horny patches and buttons set into a very thick skin, making it look like an old-fashioned nail-studded door. The tail was armed on either side with large spines, which varied in length from several inches to nearly three feet, and when these spines were swung by a tail ten fet long, something was pretty sure to happen. The plates on the back resembled a huge cross-cut saw, and rose to two feet above the hark

One thousend dollars for one egg was the price paid at Orange, N. J., last month. Nothing was said about making the price less because the egg is thousands of years old. It is the egg of a strange creature no longer found on earth, the aepyornis, the winged creature told about in "The Arabian Nights." The egg is 35½ inches in circumference and ten inches through. It weighs five pounds. It was found in Madagascar near the bones of the bird. Robert Filfort, a circus man, left \$100,000 worth of curios when he died. The egg was bought for the Denver museum. There are two others in America.

Mr. R. Vanderbeck caught a monster fish in West Okoboji Lake, Iowa, on March 6th. It was a smoonbill sturgeon, weighed 185 pounds, measured six feet and nine inches long a d forty-three and a half inches around the biggest part. The tail was seventeen inches wide, as was also the bill. Mr. Vanderbeck speared it with two spears, and after letting out about twenty feet of the line, with another man's assistance dragged the monster out of the lake. The fish has been taken to Omaha to be mounted.

Matt Flynn of Dorchester, Iowa, has found on his farm the remains of a mastodom. The molar tooth measured over four inches; the shoulder-blade was 24x36 inches and the upper part of the leg was four feet long and from seven to eight inches thick. It appeared as though the animal was buried in the drift deposit in an upright position, and although it had been buried for ages, the discovery of its remains was brought about by a flood which washed away considerable soil on the banks of Bear Creek.

We are indebted to Mr. F. L. Burns for a valuable pamphlet called, A Bibliography of Scarce or Out-of-Print North America Amateur and Trade Periodicals, devoted more or less to Ornithology. We greatly enjoyed reading the history of magazines, some of which we had a special interest in, and others edited by friends.

The American Society of Curio Collectors, has two chapters, one in Osage, Iowa, and Chapter Two in Charles City, Jowa. Both clubs are doing splendid work. The Charles City Club worganized July 25, 1914, and it now has nearly fifty members, and this year published a year book, containing a history of the club, and articles by Clement L. Webster, Dr. H. L. Pammell, Iowa's noted bot-

anist, and also a list of the birds seen by both chapters, as the two clubs at within 18 miles of each other. This report is of real scientific value, is illustrated and may be purchased for 15c, of the Secretary, Carroll Lane Fentq 409 St. Charles St., Charles City, Iowa.

About nine years ago, the Queen of Italy, amused herself by excavating a Roman villa near the royal preserves of Castel Parziano, and made a wonderful discovery. She found what archaeologists identified as a fine replica of the famous Discobblus or disc-throwerof Myron. The statue, which was broken, was pieced together very carefully, and is now in the national museum at Rome. Encouraged by this success, the Queen resolved to undertake a systematic exploration of sites near Rome, where 1,000 years before Christ, Italy was first settled. She has discovered the village supposed to belong to Pliny; another near by that was known as Vicus Augustanus Laurentium; also the site of the ancient Lavinium, the original Acropolis, and traces of the city walls in small blocks of the grey green tufa. She discovered a large necropolis, where she found objects of the first iron age, including a sword of the Aegean type which seems to confirm the traditions of Aeneas' visit to Italy.

Archaeologists have for years been searching for the remains of Nero's House of Gold, which tradition said were situated somewhere between the Palatine and Esquiline hills in Rome. The remains have been discovered by M. Prechat, a French savant, who says that it had been built in the northeast part of what is now the Coliseum, which was completed in 80 A. D. by Titus, twelve vears after the death of Nero. He said that the remains of the foundations discovered there were unmistakable and had not been identified before simply because most people thought that the Coliseum was begun in Nero's day. This mighty palace, covered with plates of gold priched with ivory and adorned with a multitude of beautiful statues, covered an area equivalent to the Champs Eylsus and the Place de la Concorde. The emperor conceived the idea after reading Ovid's description of the Palace of the Sun in the Metamorphosis, and it was in the guise of the sun god that Nero had a statue of himself made ninety feet high. This colossus stood in a great four-horsed chariot and was erected in front of the House of Gold. Within the palace walls was a lake, which ancient authors compare to a sea, and on its waters were given the sumptuor nautical festivities of which one reads.

The engagement ring that Martin Luther gave to his fiance, Catherine vt Baren, June 13, 1535, has been placed on exhibition at the New York Historia Society. It is composed of an intricate device of gold work, set with a ruby, was brought to the United States by Mrs. Miximilian Pingut, the wife of the pastor of the German-American church. Mrs. Pingut was formerly Baronness on Georgi, and the ring had been in her family more than a hundred years.

C. F. Libbie & Co. of Boston, Mass., sold at auction April 26 to 28, the famous Johnson collection from Clarksville, Tenn. The items offered were stone axes, celts, flint swords, hoes, spades, spears, arrows, gouges, chisels, ceremonials, banner stones. pipes, a sculptured stone head, Cape Cod implements, as well as antique firearms. Mr. Johnson was at one time a member of A.S.C.G.



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This department is conducted solely in the interest of our readers. All are saked to contribute articles, ask questions, send clippings, etc.; as many and as often as you will. Remember things that seem trivial to you may be of the greatest interest to others. Publishers are invited to send copies for mention.

The first metal money to circulate in the interior of northern Mexico for several years was that carried by the American soldiers now chasing the bandit Villa. It is said that the natives all seem very anxious to start a collection of American coins.

The Cross of the Legion of Honor was recently conferred upon Prince Ouanito, a son of the deposed king of Dahoney, Soudan.

Lighting ones eigar or eigarette with paper money is a novel luxury in which not many of us have indulged. Bills of large denomination were used for this purpose at a smoker recently held in El Paso, Texas, by the American Institute of Bankers—it was Villa money.

A United States \$10,000 gold note, which with twenty others of the name denomination was stolen from the mails between Havanna and New York last September, was recently received by a New York bank from a bank in Madrid, Spain. This is the ninth of the stolen notes to be found since their disappearance.

A recent press dispatch states that while engaged in constructing trenches in French Lorraine, a detachment of German soldiers discovered a wealth of buried coins. Three iron pots were uncovered at a depth of about 10 feet in which were found over 1090 silver and gold coins. Some of these are said to be three or four hundred years old. The coins will probably be placed in a museum at Metz.

We are pleased to acknowledge clippings from Jas. E. Mayer-thank you, and if we can return the favor, command us.

Since July, 1914, Germany has increased its volume of paper money 320 per cent, France 112, Russia 207, and England 67 per cent. During the so-called panic in the United States in 1907 our volume of currency was increased with 380 millions. It seems as though this war is forcing Europe into a period of "wild cat" money.—M. Sorensen.

The superintendent of the Danish mint recently issued the statement that

over 3 million kroner in silver had been coined in Denmark since the beginning of the war. Silver is coined in 4 denominations: 2 kroner, 1 krone, 25 ore and 10 ore. But according to the mint law of 1873 silver can be minted in 6 denominations: 2 kroner, 1 krone, 50 ore, 40 ore, 25 ore and 10 ore. 50 ore-pieces have never been issued in Denmark, while Norway and Sweden have that denomination, and the 40 ore-piece has not been coined by any of the Scandinavian countries.—M Sorensen

REGARDING WAMPUM. —On page 77 of March WEST, in speaking of wampum, you say, "The manufacture finally passed out of the hands of the Indians into that of the English who established a mint on Long Island, N. Y." Is not this wrong? The native wampum was found at Wampum Island in Gardiners Bay, Long Island Sound. "The Dutch" wampum is of clay baked into what might be termed a long bead. I have yet to hear of English wampum and minting it is out of the question.— F. F. Budd. (The editor of this department is not an authority on this sbuject but since wampum was at once time used for money we think it might be noticed in this department, and we shall be glad to publish some good articles regarding it. The item referred to was not published under this department. Probably the term "mint" was merely used figurativly. Let us have something further regarding this.)

#### GOLD AND ECONOMICS.

Gold, which in large or small amounts is popular with everyone else, has few friends among the professional political economists. One of their pet theories is that gold is a coward, fleeing from the nations in time of need and hidden, hoarded or kept out of circulation when most sorely required for the maintenance of public credit. These conomists all predicted at the beginning of the European war that the great nations at strife, needing gold security for their enermous war loans, would see the immediate disappearance of the elusive yellow metal either to neutral lands or else put out of sight at home.

Such prophesies, like most other antebellum prophesies, have proven false. The gold in the Bank of England has doubled; France's stock has reached the billion mark in dollars; Germany and Italy have each more gold than when the first shot was fred at Liege.

On June 30, 1914, two months before the war began, there was \$1,089,974-869 in the United States treasury. On January 10, 1916, there was \$1,698,814 302, a substantial increase but not much greater, relatively, than some of the nations now at war.

For a craven, scampering away with fright at the first note of danger, go has been showing the courage of its own stability in a way to confound the economist and to reassure the investor.—Wall Street Journal.

#### STONE WHEEL COINS.

Iron, stone and cardboard money is being used in various parts of the world at the present moment on account of the war, according to the annual report of a well-known financial firm. In one of the Caroline Islands, for example, captured by England from Germany, extraordinary stone money is being used. Each "coin" consists of a large thick stone wheel, ranging from one to twelve feet in diameter, and having a hole in the center, through which a pole can be

put to carry it about. Iron money has been used in Germany since last October, when one hundred million coins of the value of one-half penny each were issued. In Mexico, where everything is also in a state of war and chaos, cardboard money has been issued, while tramway tickets, entitling the holder to a ride, have been used for small change.—N. Y. Clipping.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Owing to the large number of inculries received it is impossible to get their sail into print at once. Each must take its turn. For this reason should you desire a reply at once, we ask that you enclose a stamp and we will reply direct. All questions of general interest will appear in the WEST just the same.

- 87. E. H. West Albany, N. Y.—Give information about piece as follows: Obv. ANDREW JACKSON PRESIDENT OF THE U. S., with profile of Jackson in center. Rev. around ELECT A. D. 1829 RE ELECTED A. D. 1832, center inscription, WE CAMMEMORAT THE GLORIOUS VICTORIES OF OUR HERO IN WAR AND PEACE. Ans.—This piece evidently is one of the many hard times tokens or Jackson cents. The issue was prompted by political questions. We fail to find this particular piece mentioned in any catalogue at our disposal and would be pleased to hear of any reader in regard to it. (b) Another, Obv. FOR THE CONSTITUTION HURRAH! ship in center, Rev. around edge, FLOURISH COMMERCE FLOURISH INDUSTRY: In center WHIGS OF N. YORK VICTORIOUS LES TROIS JOURS APR. 8, 9 & 10, 1834. Ans.—This is another of these political pieces. Scott prices this, good \$5; fine \$7.50.
- 88. Mrs. E. P. Chicago, III.—(a). What is the value of an 1853 half dollar, with arrows? Ans.—75c to \$1.10. (b) fone dollar 1901 0 mint? Ans.—\$1.50 to \$3.25. (c) Dime 1906, 0 mint? Ans.—20 to 40 cts. (d) 1915 cent with and without mint marks? Ans.—There is no premium on these coins. They are among the most common coins in circulation today. For this reason there is no cause for a collector or anyone else to pay a premium. The mint report shows that thousands of these coins were turned out, and they will command no premium for some time to come unless some yet unknown variety which might be scarce is discovered. (e) 1900 with and without initial? Ans.—Read answers to queries in March WEST and you will have a complete reply. (f) 1909 Indian head cent? Ans.—Uncirculated 15 cents, Proof 75 cents. (g) Where will I find a buyer? Ans.—There is nothing easier. Read the advertising section of this issue.
- 89. M. J. H. Monticello, Ohio.—I have an old cent which is quite a puzzle to me. It has 13 stars around the Indian head. Was there ever a cent of this description coined by the U. S. government? Ans.—We are of the opinion that this is not a regular coinage. Please send us a good clear rubbing and spell out the wording, probably we can identify the piece for you.
- 90. R. P. Saukvill, Wis.—(a) What is the value of a German \$2 piece dated 1841? Ans.—You evidently mean 2 thaler. \$2.50 to \$3.50. (b) What is the value of the 1878 U. S. dollar? Ans.—With 7 tail feathers, \$2 to \$3.25. With 8 tail feathers, \$2 to \$3.25. With 8 tail feathers, \$2 to \$3.2 (c) Of an 1877 quarter S mint, worn? Ans.—Coins if badly worn undess very rare command no premium. In good condition this coin is worth 40 cts. (d) Cent 1855? Ans.—Bronze 5 to 25 cts, nickel thick is more rare and Scott mentions no price, nickel thin in uncirculated is valued at \$4. (e) Cent 1868? Ans.—I0 to 35 cts. (f) Cent 1908? Ans.—Hu ncirculated 5 cts. (g) Have Lincoln and Indian head cents mint marks? Ans.—All coins

ruck at Philadelphia bear no mint marks. All cents not coined at that mint ill of course bear mint marks. A complete list of mints and mint marks was ven in a recent issue of WEST. Order a copy. (h) Where could I sell foreign ins? Ans.—In nearly every issue there is someone advertising to buy coins.) Would an ad in WEST bring results? Ans.—This question requires no iswer if you will take the time to note the large amount of advertising space rried in each issue. Persons who pay money for advertising would not do so iss they secured results.

THE STORY OF AMERICAN MUSEUMS .- By Alfred O. Philipp.

# ). 2.—THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION—PART I, ITS ORIGIN.

Although it stands unique among the learned establishments of the world, a Smithsonian Institution at Washington, D. C., is little understosed by the eat mass of people in this country. Casual visitors invariably acquire are imsession that the Smithsonian Institution is a great large museum maintained the U. S. Government for the accumulation of natural history specimens and storical objects for the people to look at. But the fact is that this remarkable ganization is primarily "an establishment for the increase and diffusion of owledge among men," and the collecting and display of the numerous exhibits the museums is incidental to the accomplishment of this laudable purpose.

The Smithsonian Institution owes its origin to the will of James Smithson, English scientist who died in 1829. James Smithson was the son of Sir Hugh iithson, who was created Duke of Northumberland in 1766. Born in France 1765 he was one of that famous group of investigators, including Cavendish I Arago, that did so much to free chemistry and physics from the halo of igious superstition and the absurdity of alchemy and magic that enveloped im for so many centuries. At one time he was also Vice-President of the yal Society, and is also the writer of many scientific contributions.

During the latter part of his life he suffered such ill health that he was apelled to seek the more congenial climate of the Riviera in hopes of relief. 1826 he made his will, by which practically his entire estate was bequeathed the United States "to found at Washington, under the name of The Smithian Institution, an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge one men." Upon the maker's death, which occurred at Genoa in 1829, the became operative.

Smithsons' motive in bequathing his fortune to the United States still rems a mystery, for he was a British subject, had no relatives or no ties in a country, and had never even paid it a visit. The bequest amounted to a trifle r half a million dollars, which was considered quite a large fortune in those s. A legacy of this kind to the Government of one country by the subject of ther, was an unprecedented occurrence, and after nearly ten years of debate Dongress, revolving principally around the question as to whether or not the ernment should accept such a trust, Richard Rush of Pennsylvania, was lly appointed by President Jackson as agent to collect the money, which at he fulfilled when on Sept. 1, 1838, he deposited in the mint in Philadelphia, sum of \$508,318.46.

#### COIN NOTES .- By M. Sorensen.

The first coin marked with a legend on the edge was a silver coin of Charles IX of France, issued in the year 1573.

The French 5-franc pieces of 1875 hear the following legend in raised lettrs on the edge: "Dieu protege la France." The German 20-mark pieces of that period hear on the edge the legend: "Got mit uns," and the English crown: "Decus et Tutamen."

Norway is going to coin upward of 2 million crown pieces and smaller denominations in silver this year.

In his "Social Statistics" Herbert Spencer advocates that coinage should be free. He reasons that lighth or inferior coins would be driven out by the better ones.

The Maria Theresa dollar of 1780 is still coined by the Austrian mint with the some design and date as when first issued because it is a favorite coin in some of the North African states, and various parts of the Levant.

A DOLLAR MADE OF CORN.—A remarkable reproduction of a silver dollar was recently made by George Herren, a cabinet maker of Pella, Iowa.

This reproduction which is thirty-two times the size of its model, is constructed entirely of kerrels of corn, glued to the backing of heavy pasteboard, and the rasemblance is very close. It is estimated that over a quarter of a million kernels of corn were sued, and its construction occupied the maker's time for more than six months. More than thirty different shades of color are to be found in the "dollar," which is to be found on exhibition in the home of the patient cabinet maker.

In 1642 an act was passed forbidding the making of contracts payable in money, thus virtually making fobacco the sole currency in Virginia. This act was repealed in 1656, but nearly all the trading in the province continued to be done with tobacco as the medium of exchange.

The ancient Greeks and Romans issued coins in electrum, a mixture of gold and silver found in a natural state in the Tmolus mountains in Asia Minor.

From 1834 to 1856 the silver money of this country consisted mostly of foreign coins, more or less worn, chiefly Spanish and Mexican, but also of English, French, German and Scandinavian pieces. Merchants kept a coin table in #rder to determine the value of the different pieces.

No silver dollars were coined in this country from 1806 to 1836.

The private gold coins that circulated in this country between 1830 and 1860 were not legal tender, but passed as such when they contained the same amound of gold as the government coinc.

The first settlers of New England found that the Indians used Wampum

as adornment and as a means of exchange. They also found that trade could be carried on with the Indians by means of wampum. In some of the colonies wampum was legal tender. The unit was a fathom, consisting of 360 white beads worth sixty pence the fathom. In Connecticut four white beads worth sixty pence the fathom. In Connecticut four white beads passed for a penny, in Massachusetts it required six or eight. Wampum was receivable for debts to the amount of 12 pence. The use of wampum extended as far south as Virginia.

The German Government has prohibited all exports of gold, coined or uncoined, and anyone doing so makes himself liable to imprisonment for a term of three years besides a fine twice as large as the amount exported.

Quite a few persons have shrugged their shoulders at the idea of Germany issuing coins in iron and zinc, and have deemed it nothing more than newspaper talk. Now that these coins are a reality they bear witness of the stress the Government is in

Writers who are suposed to know, tell us that the numismatist—the coin collector—is but an evolution of the hoarder, the miser. Fine, isn't it?

Somehow, it appears that the prettiest and most artistic patterns for United States coins have been rejected.

The earliest American money was coined of brass in 1612. The earliest Colonial coin was struck in Massachusetts 40 years later.

In the Government Numismatic collection at Philadelphia is a 20 dollar gold piece of 1849, which is the only one in existence. A law was passed ordering 20 dollar gold coins to be issued. For some reason the work was delayed and only one piece was struck before the year closed. One piece was struck is brass. The 20 dollar gold piece of 1849 is priceless.

In the same collection is an 1804 silver dollar, a coin equally as sense. This dollar was coined in great numbers. But according to the current belief was nearly the whole mintage lost by the sinking of a ship bound for Chica.

#### OLDEST AMERICAN STATUE.

Washington.—A small stone statue found near Vera Cruz, Mexico, which has been in the possession of the United States National Museum since 1903, has been identified as the oldest known dated antiquity in America. Its ancient Mayar Glyphic inscriptions show that it was made 100 years before Christ, which are oldest date authenticated in the New World.

This unique image was found in 1902 near the Gulf of Mexico, 100 miles southeast of Vera Cruz, and came to the museum through R. E. Ulbricht the next year. It is of hard grayish green stone carved into a rounded conical form, 6½ inches high, and 3% inches in diameter.

The upper part represents a human head with well defined features. The lower part of the face is covered with a mask, resembling the bill of a duck, carved in relief and extending down over the chest like a beard. The bird-like form is further emphasized by the wings, covering the sides of the figure. Beneath the wings the outlines of a bird's feet and legs are engraved.

#### MISSOURI MELANGE.

Bones of prehistoric animals found in the former bed of the Missouri when the river charged its course near Wellington have attracted the attention of Washington scientists and the collection of relics probably will be sent there for more exact classification and for museum purposes.

A pearl button that has been in his family for 106 years is the treasured possession of Henry Kimbrough of Renick, who has owned the heirloom for fortyfive years. The button originally was on an overcoat purchased by MrKimbrough's great uncle in 1809. Mr. Kimbrough will have the button mount as a watch charm.

The demand for walnut logs has become so strong that a 100 year old walnut ree in Montgomery county, planted by Daniel Boone, is to be cut down, taken to St. Louis and made into picture frames, knife handles, etc. The tree was so big that it was more than two feet in diameter nine feet from the ground.

Col. Warner Lewis, 82 years old, who died recently at his home in Montgomery, was the sole survivor of a company of seventeen soldiers, sixteen of whom were massacre dby Osage Indians in 1863 near the present site of Coffeyville, Kansas.

John Franklin of the Bunker Hill neighborhood has a twist of homespun tobacco which is eighty years old, according to Neriah Todd who recently saw the twist and vouches for the information. Mr. Franklin found the tobacco when he tore down a log house on his farm, which was erected eighty years ago. The tobacco was undoubtedly placed behind the board at the top of the plate, where Mr. Franklin found it, by one of the workmen who helped to erect the structure. It was in a good state of preservation and has improved with age, according to those who smoked some of the ancient weed.—Howard County Advertiser.

A colletion of antiquities forms the family museum of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Iden of Maysville, whose fondness for odd books and curios has made them the recipients of many gifts which add to their collection. A copy of "The Looking Glass," printed late in the Eighteenth Century, is the Idens' most treasured volume—"If will be 122 years old its five Y birthday," says the Pilot—and another interesting book is an old edition of "Select English Poets," containin, the earlier work of writers now known to fame but who had not "arrived" a hundred years ago.

An Oak Mills, Kansas, man once made an "Indian hammer" and showed it to George J. Remsburg, the Potter antiquarian. "Pretty fine specimen, ch," remarked the maker, trying to deceive Remsburg into believing it to be a real Indian relic. Remsburg replied: "Yes, it's a pretty good one for a white man to mske."

#### SOUVENIR PLAYING CARDS.

For the benefit of the Readers of the WEST, who do not know what Souvenir Playing Cards are, I would say that they are a pack of ordinary playing cards, having upon their faces pictures of persons, places, buildings and scenery, usually of some city or state, or some part of the country. A good example is the Vermont Pack, where on the Jack of Diamonds is seen a view of Lake Memphramagog and Newport, Vt. The following is the complete list of views:

Hearts—1. Ruins of Fort Ticonderoga, Vt.; 1. Missisquoi Park, C. V. R. R., Mitghate Springs, Vt.; 3. Lake Champlain at Highgate Springs, Vt.; 4. Main Street, Stowe, Vt.; 5. Moss Glen Falls, Stowe, Vt.; 6. Bird's-eye View of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; 7. Museum of Natural Science, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; 8. Spaulding Graded School, Barre, Vt.; 9. Granite Quarry, Barre, Vt.; 10. Taylor Park, St. Albans, Vt.; J. C. V. R. R. Station, St. Albans, Vt.; Q. St. Albans Bay, Vt.; K. Rocky Point, St. Albans, Vt.

Spades—I. Camel's Hump, from C. V. R. R.; 2. Mills at Bethel, Vt., from C. V. R. R. Bridge; 3. High Bridge at Winooski Gorge, Vt.; 4. Old Toll Bridge, Bellows Falls, Vt.; 5. C. V. R. R. Bridge, Northfield, Vt.; 6. Upper State Street, Montpelier, Vt.; 7. Upper Main Street, Montpelier, Vt.; 8. River at Montpelier, Vt.; 9. A Vermont Meadow Scene; 10. College and Grounds, Middlebury, Vt.; Q. A Vermont Dairy Farm; K. Town Hall and Main Street, Brattleboro, Vt.

DIAMONDS.—I. University of eVrmont, Burlington; 2. Lafayette Monument, University of Vermont, Burlington; 3. Ft. Ethan Allen, Burlington, Vt.; 4. Yacht Club and Harbor, Burlington, Vt.; 5. Lake Champlain from "Red Rocks," Burlington, Vt.; 6. The Beach, Queen City Park, Burlington, Vt.; 7. Bridge over Missisquoi River, Swanton, Vt.; 8. Middlesex Valley, Vt., from C. V. R. R.; 9. Lake Wiloughby, West Burke, Vt.; 10. Bird's-eye View of Wells River, Vt.; J. Lake Mephramagog and Newport, Vt.; Q. Mephremagog Yacht Club, Newport, Vt.; K. "New England States Limited," C. V. R. R.

Clubs.—1. Battle Monument, Bennington, Vt.; 2. Catamount Monument, Bennington, Vt.; 3. White River at Sharon, Vt., on Line of C. V. R. R.; 4, C. V. R. R. Station, South Royalton, Vt.; 5. R. R. Pridge over Connecticut River, White River Junction, Vt.; 6. Summit House, Mt. Mansfield, Vt.; 7. Rutland R. R. Bridge, Ludlow, Vt.; 8. Falls at Center Rutland, Vt.; 9. Bridge over Big Cut, Rutland R. R., Summit, Vt.; 10. Otter Creek, Vergennes, Vt.; J. Young Sugar Makers, Vt.; Q. Steamer "Vermont," Lake Champlain; K. Getting out logs in the Green Mountains.

Joker-Ethan Allen Monument, Burlington, Vt.

The back of each card shows Vermont's State House surrounded by a border of Red Clover, the State Flower. Emblazoned within each of the four corners appears the seal of the state. The cards have gilt edges and cost fifty cents. This pack is a good sample of the present style of souvenir playing cards.

When we remember how persons die, how buildings are burnt or razed, and how scenery changes, we easily see how interesting these packs will be a hundred years from now. What would be not give if we had the same number and variety of souvenir playing cards taken a hundred years ago!

(To be Continued.)



SOME NOTES FOR WEAPON COLLECTORS .- By George J. Remsburg.

Charles L. Holmes of Troy, Mo., sends the following from the Perry (Mo.) Enterprise of recent date:

"Judge Joo. S., Cleaver returned home Saturday from a visit at Mexico, Farber, Bowling Green, Frankford and New London. While at Farber he visited W. S. Biggs, who presented him with a blunderbuss, an old relic of the early age. Last summed a couple of little girls, while picking blackberries on Mr. Biggs' farm found the relic. It is thought by pioneer citizens the blunderbuss was lost by the Spaniards while exploring this country back in the early part of the Eighteenth century. The barrel of the weapon is something like eight inches long with a large bore—in fact it is bell shaped at the end, and history tells us pebbles and slugs were used in place of bullets. The barrel is supposed to be made of brass. The stock was entirely rotted off. The flint rock used instead of the modern cap was still intact. The barrel was nicely carved. The Judge prizes the gift very highly. It is quite a curiosity."

Bert F. Crum, of 1526 Woodland Ave., Toledo, Ohio, is interested in collecting firearms and firearms literature.

Theodore Roosevelt says of his favorite rifle that it is not heavy enough for leady use on big game, but that it is so handy and accurate and keeps in such pod order that it has been his companion for 12 years on three continents. Ie has killed 300 head of all kinds with it, including elephants, lions, hippopot-muses and rhinoceroses.

S. A. Walden, a Confederate veteran of Murfreesboro, Tenn., who writes that he was 69 years old, but not too old to fight, recently sent President Wilson a sword sunds of cedar from the Stones River battlefield as an evidence of his interest in the preparedness program.

A most isnocent looing device which can inflict the most fatal of wounds is a new gun which looks for all the world like an ordinary two-bladed penknife. A spring on one side of the handle can be moved by the thumb and the front part of the handle turned around in which can be inserted a 22-caliber rimfiring cartridge. This part of the knife can be turned back and the clasp on the

side of the handle can be raised, which cocks the pistol. The weapon can be held close to a person and a fatal wound inflicted by simply pressing this side attachment, which lets the firing pin hit the cartridge and explode it. Members of many police forces have been instructed to be especially careful in searching prisoners to see that they do not overlook this apparently innocent device.

One of the most unique firearms in the collection of John W. Cumley of Atchison, Kans, is a bear gun, so constructed that when the animal walks into a string stretcher across its path, the gun points itself at the bear and the string pulls the trigger.

A century-old Derringer rifle, the weapon used by William J. Graves of Kentucky in the famous duel in 1838 upon a point of honor over corruption charges in the House of Representatives that ended in the death of Jonathan Cilley of Maine, has just been added to the collection of historic relics in the National Museum. Colonel Wright Rives, U. S. A., who deposited the rifle in the museum, states that it was made for his father, John Cork Rives, one of the publishers of the Congressional Globe, now the Congressional Record. It was frequently used in rifle practice by Colonel David Crockett, who lost his life at the Alamo in the Texas struggle for freedom.

### TO OFFER RARE COLLECTION.

List Comprises 336 Book Plates and Seventeen Books about Them.

In the Collectors Club, there will be opened the exhibition of a collection such as rarely comes to the auctioneer's rostrum. It will comprise 336 modern book plates and 17 books about book plates, all of which are to be sold.

There are 228 plates by Edwin D. French, including those of the Authors' Gulb library, George Allison Armour, the Bar Association, Samuel F. Barger, George W. Vanderbilt's "Biltmores" plate, M. C. D. Borden, Beverly Chew, Coolnial Dames of America, French's personal plate, George J. Gould's "Georgian Court" plate, four of Harvard's plates, The Players and John Skelton Williams.

By J. W. Spenceley there are the plates of Dartmouth College Library, Helen Clay Brick, Philander Chase Knox, Philip Mesier Lydig and Henry Rogers Winthrop. Also plates by Sidney L. Smith, Charles W. Sherborn, W. P. Barrett, S. Hollyer, Will Foster and A. N. MacDonald.—Clipping sent by H. Kuenster, N. Y.

#### \$335 FOR SEVEN BIRD BOOKS.

For one of the original subscribers' copies of Audobon's "Birds of America" in seven volumes, J. V. Painter paid \$335 yesterday at the opening session of the sale of Part III. of the Burton Library in New York. This was the highest price of the session, which ran up a total of \$1,628.69, the next highest price being \$43 paid by J. Mischke for Francis Bacon's "Sylva Sylvarum." J. F. Drake, Inc., paid \$41 for an autograph letter written by Benedict Arnold to his first wife. Margaret Mansfield in 1774.—Sent by H. Kuenster, N. Y.

### NEBRASKA NOTES AND ITEMS OF INTEREST.

### By Samuel P. Hughes, Howe, Nebr.

Mrs G. H. Webster, of Cortland, Nebr., is the proud owner of a war club that was once the property of Sitting Bull, noted chier of the Sioux. The Club was given Mrs. Webster by her brother, Daniel Webster, who owns a large ranch near Gordon. In addition to other old time relics, Mrs. Webster owns a canteen carried by John Phelps in the war of 1812.

The Omaha Public Library coin collection has been donated over 200 Pope medals by Monsignor Collaneri. The collection was already a very large one and this additional donation makes it a very desirable one.

It may not be generally known that Robert F. Gilder, of Omaha, is in addition to his prominence as a scientist, a very promising artist. Only last month a special exhibition of his paintings were shown in Omaha. The exhibit consisted of 61 oil paintings depicting rural scenes in and near his recent archaeological ruins. The writer spent several years as an associate of Mr. Gilder, and how he ever found the time to do the work he has accomplished, is beyond his understanding Mr. Gilder is connected with the editorial department of the World-Herald and often works 18 hours out of every 24. He has one day a week off, but works all the following night. These paintings, together with all his famous finds and discoveries have been done at the expense of his sleepnig hours.

When the contractors for the new Ford building in Omaha were excavating for the basement and deep foundations, an almost complete buffalo skeleton was uncovered at a depth of 24 feet. The geological evidence would indicate that this part of North Sixteenth street was once the bank of the Big Muddy. Scientists claim the skeleton is at least 300 years old.

The oldest settler in Nebraska at the present time is S. D. Bouvier of De Soto. Mr. Bouvier came to Nebraska in April 1854, and has resided on the farm it parents took up since that date.

George Goodman of Alexandria, Thayer county, recently uncarthed the solar of a Columbian mammoth while digging a cistern on his farm. The huge both has been donated to the State University museum.

Several companies have recently organized to extract potash from the beds of ancient takes near Alliance. The scarcity of this chemical, owing to the demands of the war has raised the price from about \$40 a ton to more than \$500. The demand has been so great that the concerns have been unable to supply the demand, and they are making efforts to increase their output.

Bernard Kleeman of Snyder has just finished a fine library table from the stump of an old walnut tree. Mr. Kleeman has spent many hours in making the table and all who have seen it pronounce it an excellent piece of workmanship.

### HARR EXHIBIT CONTAINS COINS AND CURRENCY FROM ANCIENT TIMES DOWN TO THE LATEST VILLA SCRAPS OF PAPER.

Des Moines students of history will have an opportunity to acquire first hand information from a rare collection of old coins and documents which was an exhibition in the art department of Younkers' for the week beginning May 8th. The collection belongs to an Iowa man, E. W. Harr, who inherited it from an uncle and has since gradually increased it until now it is unique in America. A part of it was purchased by Mr. Harr from the famous Field collection in New York City. It is the result of twenty-five years of collecting and is valued at \$50,000.

Des Moines is one of the first cities to see the collection and in order that the children may profit by it, Younker Bros. have extended an invitation to the schools to attend the exhibition with their teachers. The owner's son, E. W. Harr, Jr., will be in charge of the display. From here the frames containing the documents will be shipped to Chicago, where they will be on exhibition for ten weeks in the Chicago Art institute.

Coins and currency from ancient times to the latest issues of paper money by Villa in Mexico are to be seen. Old newspapers of colonial times show advertisements for "respectable girls" to act as cooks in "kind families." In one is printed the death notice of George Washington and of his wife, Martha.

A wonderful collection of civil war documents will be certain to interest the old soldiers who fought in the civil war—army orders by various famous generals, soldiers' railroad passes, furlough certificates, war songs and the criginal second army order issued by General Braxton after assuming command of the Army of the Tennessee.

Various legal documents concerned with slave traffic will also be shown—mortgages in which slaves are held as security, bills of sale conveying slave from one owner to another, and even one document by which a free colore mother give her 13-year-old daughter to a party until she should attain her majority.

An unusual array of autographs is contained in the collection. Among the more interesting are the signatures of George Washington, various other presidents of the United States, and Napoleon Bonaparte. A little keepsake of the great Frenchman is also shown. It is a small parchment document with parchment ribbons and in July of this year will be 433 years old as it was written in July, 1473.

Oldest, and, perhaps, rarest of all the curios are the ancient Babyionian tablets and seals which date back to 2500 B. C. Thumb prints, the seal and signature of the common Babylonians, are shown and among the more amusing evidences of early civilization is a marriage contract on a clay tablet.—Clipping from an lowa Paper.

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#### A KOLUMN FOR KANSAS KOLLECTORS. By George J. Remsburg.

Dr. Craig of Easton has quite a museum of old coins, books and other curiose. He showed us an Arabian coin that was made in the year 520, a three hundred doilar continental note that was issued in 1780 and a \$100 confederate
bond of 1860. His father purchased about fifty of these bonds and of course
lost his investment. He has many scarce and valuable books. The doctor's old
home in Virginia was e'o'e to the home of Mrs. Galt's parents. He often saw
the relatives of the President's wife.—Easton Transcript.

The Kansas Weekly Chief, published by Henry J. Calnan of Troy, recently issued an illustrated supplement giving a history of Doniphan county from 1887 to 1916. It contains 384 prges of folio size, and is the biggest and best thing of the kind ever gotten out in Kansas. It contains much archaeological and Indian matter of interest to collectors and students along those lines.

Sam Salzer, proprietor of the Salzer store in Atchison, has a fine collection of United States and foreign coins. He also has a collection of postage stamps, among which is a complete set of the unused Columbia exposition stamps, worth \$29.

That McPherson county is one of the richest fields for the Hunter after Indian relics was made very plain last evening when Dr. V. N. Robb gave a talk on Indians and showed Indian relics. His lecture extended back to something like two hundred thousand years. Dr. Robb waits for the dull days of Summer, when he goes to the various Indian camps and there picks up these specimens. He has a corn grinding vessel, arrowheads by the score and rocks and stones that show the various stages. And McPherson county has presented as interesting specimens as can be found nnwhere. He stated that if the opportunities that are found in Kansas, would abound in the east the specialists in this line would gather in great numbers.—McPherson Republican.

Joe Tattman of Haddam, Washington county, made an unusual discovery while digging a cave, a short time ago, when he unearthed three skeletons. Most of the hones of the hodies as well as three skulls were among the find. Some heads were found near the ske'etons and this leads to the helief that they are the skeletons of Indians buried fifty or sixty years ago. One appears to be that of a woman and the other two of children. According to the pioneers living there, different Indian tribes were in the habit of camping there by the hundreds in the locality where the skeletons were unearthed and the supposition is that where Mr. Tattman made the find is a portion of an old Indian burying ground.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Isn't this cent of 1804 fine?" remarked an eminent collector recently, to a friend who had dropped in for a few minutes visit. "Yes, but you can't hold a candle to our new business we have just started." "Well, what can that he?" remarked the numismatist. "Gunpowder," answered his friend.

#### AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CURIO COLLECTORS.

COMBINED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COLLECTORS UNION
An International Society organized Jan. 1, 1907, for the purpose of joining
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Hillsboro, Oregon Hillsboro, Oregon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

We are very happy to announce that C. L. Fenton, 409 St. Charles St., Charles City, Iowa, has consented to take charge of the department of Entomology. Kindly remember in asking any of our Superintendents for information, to enclose the postage. This is a law in our constitution, and is all the recompense these people receive for their valuable services.

> Yours for service, F. May Tuttle.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

- 164. Nicholas Nichol, 311 S. Sangamon, Lincoln, Ill. Fossils.
- 165 Wm. Jarrett, 818 Southern Ave., South Wiliamsport, Pa. Small firearms and Indian relics.
- 166. Lieut. Col. Ernest F. Wurtele, Box 344, Quebec, Canada. Stamps, Bookplates. Prop. Brodstone.
- 167. Mahlon Palmer, 200 Ferguson St., Charles City, Iowa. Fossils, Indian relics. Prop. by Pres.
- 168. Arthur G. Colley, c-o City Hall N. 302, Portland, Oregon. Curios, Stamps.

P. Hartell, of Whitestone Landing, N. Y., sends priced sale catalogues. The following brought more than catalogue prices: At Morgenthau's Masmonth's sale, Brattleboro bought \$890, and second one at \$840; N. Y. 5c black on cover \$185 and 5c of 1847 at \$2.10; same value on cover at \$3.40; City Des. patch 3c white at \$26.50; half RR blue 56 of Mexico \$4; U. S. 5c of '62 a \$3.70; 1p New So. Wales of '51 at \$19.75; St. Vincent half penny 1880 \$10.20 Spain 2r of '51 at \$170; 2r of '52 at \$126; five green \$24.50; 2r of '50 at \$81. In the Tuttle sale, newspaper set specimen, went at \$10.50 and \$14 Ev. Impert \$1.60; \$2 rev. imperf at \$6, and Ic Ex. part perf. at \$1.70. In Bartel's sale, Hamburg 59 pair lilac one and fourth, \$7.50; Netherlands 15c of '52 at \$5,20; Portugal, 15c proof 53 at \$23; 100r of 50 at \$110; imperf. 6r pair, \$25,25; 59 pair \$4.30; 1r brown on green \$7.25; P. O. seals, 88 type, set \$3.10; Transvaal 1904 1, 2, 19s, £1. \$7.60. This shows that U. S. Revenues Imperf., and old issue covers are worth over catalogue.

#### OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

The "Rarity King" Drugsist.—While most of us strive to accumulate a collection of coin, yet there are few who have time, money or the interest to go in for coin collecting as a numismatic. One of the most valuable private collections of rare coins in the world is possessed by Mr. W. F. Dunham, a well know drugsist located at 530 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Several years ago Mr. Dunham surprised the coin collecting public to taking a trip to New York with the express intertion of securing the famous United States Dollar for 1804, valued at \$5,000.00 and that he successfully attained his object is well known to all collectors, earning for him the title of "Rarity King." Later he journeyed to Philadelphia, where by bidding \$2,165.60, he secured the United Staes Half-Eagle of 1822. This was a record breaking price.

Here is a druggist whose interest in seeing all of the rare collections of coins has led him overseas to the numismatic Museums of London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Constantinople and Rome.

Recently burglars broke in to the Dunham Drug Store, evidently thinking that this rare collection of coins was kept in the store, but fortunately, they were in safety deposit vaults.

Mr Dunham is a graduate of the class of '80, University of Illinois, a member of the Chicago Retail Druggists' Association, and a successful druggist, as well as a famous coin collector.

Here are some interesting facts, sent us by Mr. Dunham, which may be of interest to New Idea Readers: The 1792 silver half dime was the first piece that the new mint attempted to produce. President George Washington, finding silver very scarce and extremely difficult to obtain, decided to sacrifice part of his wedding presents of spoons, knives and forks, etc., and sought permission from his wife, Martha, which request met with a ready response and the mint of the United States was by this means supplied with enough silver to start the machinery moving.

The half cent was the first authorized coin struck at the Philadelphia Mint. The reason for a coin of such small denomination does not appear in any business transactions noted in the earlier or later issues of the half cent. It may be that the loss of a half cent in those days seemed quite a large sum. It certainly prevented the storekeeper from advertising eggs at 12%c and securing an extra profit by charging 13c.

Rev. Thomas Huss is a Methodist minister and member of the New Jersey Conference and pastor of the church at Leesburg, N. J. He has been interested in the collection of stamps for more than twenty years. In addition to the pleasure he finds in collecting stamps, he has an object in view. All the stamps he collects and is able to dispose of, he does so, and devotes every cent of the money to the cause of Christian missions. For a time he was responsible for the education of a young man in China, and hopes to soon be able to take up this work again. The Economic Stamp Exchange, which he is now conducting, he believes will bring him some small profit for this same cause.

Albert M. Brooking, Taxidermist and Naturalist, was born at Macomb, Ill., in January, 1880. He began collecting at the age of eight and is still at it. He is a member of the Nebr. Academy of Science, International Society of Archaematerials "milady" wears in her costumes today The undergarments are light-ologists, Curator of Hastings College Museum. He owns the largest private

museum west of the Mississippi, consisting of thousands of rare Indian relics, both ancient and modern, old weapons, minerals, fossils, crania, curios and an almost complete collection of birds, mammals and reptiles of the state. He has traveled and conducted expeditions in almost every corner of the U. S. and Mexico. Among his birds taken in the state is the rare trumpeter swan and the Esquimaux Curlew. See more of his collection in next issue.

Skull and Pipe from Mound near Bonita, I.a.—These were taken from a mound on the Mississippi river, near Bonita, I.a., recently by Mr. Tom-Harp, of that place, who is an intelligent and enthusiastic archaeolgical collector and who has a nice collection of Indian relics, mostly gathered near his home. The pipe is of baked clay or pottery. Mr. Harp has explored several ancient mounds and village sites in the locality named and is planning the excavation of a large mound this summer. More views of his collection next number

German Breadcard.- (See illustration).—To those of us who eat all the bread we desire, this plan would certainly work a hardship. In explanation of this system our correspondents write that these cards were necessitated owing to shortage of flour and to control the price of bread. Each inhabitant of the empire gets one card a week, except the hardworkers, who get a supplementary card. Each card is good only for the week printed on the back thereof and also in the localities mentioned on the ticket. In ordering a meal at a restaurant it is necessary to produce your ticket before any bread will be served with the meal. The tickets are stated as being good for bread, flour, zweiback and grease. After these tickets are turned in to the baker, he then takes them to the central Government flour depot and is given so much flour in exchange for them.

Lieut-Col. Ernest Fr drick Wurtele, chartered accountant, auditor, Ross Rifle Co., manufacturers of Fire Arms, Quebec, Can., was born at St. David's, Que., in 1860. He was educated at Galt Collegiate Institute, St. Hyacinthe Seminary, Royal Military College, Kingston, and is employed in connection with public works as assitant engineer, secretary-treasurer and accountant. Toronto and Ottawa Division, Midland Railway, Ontario & Quebec Railway, Quebec & Lake St. John Railway, Quebec Waterworks; Quebec, Montmorency & Charlevoix Railway (now the Quebec Railway, Light & Power Co.); appointed to member Montreal Association of Accountants; auditor, Quebec Board of Trade; Bourg Marie de l'Est. Yamaska, Que. Gazetted Lieutenant (unattached), Canadian Militia, June 1882; appointed Lieutenant, 8th Royal Rifles, 1885; Captain, 1886; Adjutant, five years, retaining rank of captain, 1890; transferred to Regade Comander, '5th Infantry Brigade, 1911; transferred to 19th Infantry Brigade, 1913; command extended to July 1, 1916; holds the Long Service Medal and Decoration. He married Elizabeth Schwartz, daughter of Anton Schwartz, Drammen, Norway, 1887; has one son, Captain Harold S. Wurtele, R. F. A. (in France, Clubs: Garrison; Royal Military College (President, honorary secretary-treasurer, 1892-1916); Montmoreny Cricket Society (president 1906), The state of the s

### TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

H. S. Parsons, 742 Drexel Ave., San Antonio, Texas. Secretary-Treasurer Charles Roemer, 268 Adams St., San Antonio, Texas. Sales Superintendem, G. W. Coryell, Boerne, Texas. Fifth Member Executive Committee

San Antonio, Texas, April 17th, 1916.

Dear Members: Our applications this month bring the total membership up to within one number of the hundred mark. We are growing rapidly, faster than any other state organization, and if our members will only make the proper effort I have no doubt but what our present rate of progress will be

Last month I announced the plan for the forming of a counterfeit collection and asked for donations. Responses have been received from W. B. Mitchell, with sixteen specimens, Barry McNutt with thirty-two and Chasler

Gifts of philatelic magazines, pamphlets, hand-hooks and catalogues for

Percy B. Todd, 2 Saltergate, Lincoln England, 23, Stationer and Stamp Dealer

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N. F. Beck, Bisbee, Ariz. 34. Window Dresser. Proposed by G. W. Corvell.

J. M. Stanley, c-o W. L. Moody & Co., Galveston, Texas, 21, Clerk, Proposed by Gino Marchi, P. O. Box 344, Galveston, Texas, 24, Clerk, Proposed by Flick,

New Members Admitted: -80. H. O. Adler, Boerne, Texas. 81. Otto Brinkmann. Austin, Tex. 82. Wm. G. Milroy, Navasota, Tex. 83. W. C. Dunham, Austin, Tex. 84. John Winnberg, Jamestown, N. Y. 85. W. H. Blanks, Austin, Tex. 86. Frederick J. Rider, Portsmouth, N. H. 87. Fred A. Howard, San Francisco, Cal. 88. L. V. Lindsey, Norwich, N. Y. 89. Otto H. Haardt, Jr., Galveston, Texas. 90. T. H. C. Hyde, San Antonio, Tex.

Standing on Recruiting: Roemer 19, Coryell 14, Parsons 13, Flick 3,

Heusinger 2, and the following one each: Lauderdale, Dorchester, MacNutt and Brodstone, Total, 55.

A remittance of \$2.87 has been recived from Sales Superintendent Roemer. which has been deposited to the credit of the Insurance Fund. Beginning with next month a brief financial statement of the Association will be given monthly H. S. Parsons, Secretary-Treasurer.

### SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

San Antonio, Texas, April 17th 1916

41 books in circulation, as per last month's report, value \$923.06; 20 books received since, value, \$246.98; 61 books, value, \$1170.04, 18 books retired during the month, from which the amount of \$65.79, or 371/2 per cent was sold, \$175.89: 43 books in circulation, value \$994.15.

The insurance on the 18 books retired was \$1.76, which has been remitted to the Treasurer for credit to the Insurance Fund.

Respectfully submited Charles Roemer, Sales Superintendent,

### ST CLAIR COLLECTORS CLUB

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#### NEW MEMBERS

Virgil K. Yowell, 2937a Hickory St., St. Louis, Mo.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS .- 21. Van Nes Clark; 26. D. C. Bartley: 20. W. J. King; 23. Wanan Moodliar. Please renew, otherwise your memberships will cease.

Dear Members:-Where are you all at? Have you done as the Ground Hog does, got scared of the weather and retired for a little more sleep? Please wake up to the fact that spring is here and get out in the garden of collectors and rake in a few members for the Club. By doing so you help yourself, not your officers. Don't be selfish, boost a little, knock off the rust, it don't cost you a cent. We pay the freight. Yours truly, James A. Carr, Jr., Sec'v.

JUST TELL THEM THAT YOU SAW IT IN THE WEST.

### NEBRASKA STATE PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President W. C. Ahlmann, Norfolk Vice President Chas J. Geyer, Harking Secretary-Treasurer Reuben W. Ahlmann, Norfolk Secretary-Treasurer Reuben W. Ahlmann, Norfolk Exchange Manager C. A. F. Haydar, F. Haydar,

Dear Members.—It is time we were beginning to consider the nomination of officers for next year. I greatly regret that I shall not have the time to devote to our society to warrant my accepting a third term as secreary-treasurer, but I think there are several who would make as good or better efforts than I have done. Therefore I would suggest that something be done along this line. The position of President and Sales Manager will also be open. Who do you think would serve best? Let me hear from you.

Also there are a number who have not yet remitted their dues for this year. This will be your last chance. If we do not hear from you before next report, your name will be dropped. We certainly do not want to lose any of you.

87. M. A. Gantz, City Engineer, Troy, Ohio. 29, Civil engineer. Ref. W. E. Bowyer, c-o Troy Natl Bank, A. F. Broomhall, Troy, N. Y. Prop. Brodstone.

 W. F. Gregory, 95 Nassau St., New York, legal, stamp dealer. Ref. Brodstone, Geo. R. Tuttle, 116 Nassau St., N. Y. Prop. by Brodstone.

 Fred L. Plath, Columbus, Nebr., 32, Deputy County Clerk, Ref. J. R. Carter, Norfolk, C. S. Jaworski Columbus, Prop. by W. C. Ahlman.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.—Morley F. Cassidy 4112 Farnam St., Omaha
Yours very truly. Reuben W. Ahlman, Sec'y-Treas.

Hotel Rochester, Tuesday evening, May 16, 1916.—100th meeting of the

Applications for membership, as follows: Mr. John W. Horner, 112 Comfort St., Rochester, N. Y., recommended by

Messrs. Jean Mannovry adn W. H. Amberg.
Mr. D. A. Young, 209 East Utica St., Buffalo, N. Y., recommended by

Messrs, L. G. Amberg and F. E. Merritt.
Mr. Albert E. Loizeau, 131 State St., Rochester, N. Y., recommended by

Messrs. Geo. P. French and E. L. Stanley

at. F. B. King exhibited a collection of cents which he had purchased from the late Geo. I. McComb of Lockport, N. Y. This is a very interesting collection, a great many of the cents being in exceedingly fine and uncirculated condition. Mr. Woolsey exhibited some Mint Mark Half Dollars, among which were quite a few of the rarities.

It was suggested that we have an excursion of a similar nature to the one we had last summer when we took an automobile trip to Batayia. After considerable discussion it was decided that the day be set for June Sth, and a committee was appointed, consisting of Mr. Bauer, Dr. French, Mr. Merritt and Mr. Yawger, to make arrangements to go somewhere in automobiles and take dinner, besides having an enjoyable ride. The automobiles will be furnished by members of the Association and it is boped that every member will make a note of the date, June Sth, and reserve it for the good time we expect to have.

Meeting adjourned to June 6, 1916. H. H. Yawgr, Secretary.

### RARE ARMS COLLECTION GIVEN TO PHILADELPHIA

Relics Gathered by Dr. Griggs on Exhibition .- From Ancient to Modern.

What is regarded as the finest collection of firearms in this country and probably the finest private collection in the world, has been presented to Philadelphia by Dr. Williams E. Griggs as a memorial to his father, Dr. William O. Griggs, who made the collection himself, and who requested that with the approval of his son, it might be placed where the public could see and appreciate it. Dr. Griggs died in February of last year, and his son, having no desire to keep the relics, donated them as a memorial to the Second regiment, in whose armory at Broad strete and Susquhanna Ave., Philadelphia, a large apartment has been provided for them.

Dr. Griggs, the collector, was a well-known physician in this city, and a member of the medical staff of the army during the civil war. Since his boyneon be had an abnormal fad for collecting relies, and his service in the army gave him a peculiar faculty for picking up souvenirs, while his trips abroad and his large acquaintance there among naval and army officers gave him opportunities for gathering valuable relies and heirlooms. It was primarily with a desire to enlarge his collection that the physician made several trips abroad and through the United States, devoting endless time to the inspection of old battlefields and hunting up the soldiers who had taken part in noted battles, or visiting their descendants.

His friends all knew of the old physician's hobby, but it was not until his death that the real value of his collection became known. The upper part of his house, filled with cases, boxes and shelves, was found to have the most complete and remarkable specimens of firentrus ever seen here, together with other valuable specimens and relics found in the eastern countries These latter alone, upon which Dr. Griggs spent a small fortune, aer of inestimable value from a historical standpoint, and were preserved by him as proofs of certain historical theories disputed by modern writers.

The collection of firearms was valued at \$100,000 by a prospective bidder was anxious to secure it, but Dr. William B. Griggs regarded the amount far below the value of the relics, refusing, however. to sell the collection, because of the request of his father to give it to some public institution.

On the door of the room set aside for the collection is a large brass plate in the following inscription: "Arms Room, Memorial to Dr. William O. Griggs."

On entering the apartment there is seen the figure of a woman at the opposite side by a window. She is of medium side, with pretty dark hair, and wears a pure white costume with a cloak to match. She is of eastern origin, and every article of colthing on her is made of spun gass, the materials being as soft and as pliable as the softest silk, and quite as light in weight as the silk er in shade and in texture, and are a marvel of the work of the artisans of the east—From the Indianapolis News.

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| Colt Pistol, (32) in fine condition  | 3.00     |
| Sharps Pepper Box Pistol (32) fine   | 3.75     |
| Sword Cane in fine condition, very sharp blade   | 2.50     |
| Novel cane made of sections of whalebone, fine condition   |          |
| whatebone, fine condition  | 2.50     |
| 50 Ancient copper coins, before 400 A. D., unassorted<br>C. S. A., 50c, \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. Set, fine | 2.00     |
| C. S. A., 50c, \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. Set, fine  | .75      |
| N. Car., Ala., Va. and other notes, 5c to \$2, fine assortment, per 100  | 2.00     |
| C. S. A. Coupon Bond for \$100 v. fine state   |          |
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The time of the annual conventions of the different stamp societies is drawing near. Since you have taken sufficient interest to join them and pay your dues, take time and vote. It is a matter to be regretted that so few of the members, not only of the S. P. A. but all other kindred societies, take so little interest at election time that they cannot take five minutes and fill in he ballot. Show that you are still with your fellow collectors by taking advantage of this opportunity.

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We are notified that the firm of Poter & Thorn Co. of Clearfield, Pa., will hereafter be known as "The Stamp Shop."

#### NOTES FROM EGYPT .- By V. Rainford, S. P. A. Member.

On the first page devoted to the stamps of the Soudan in Gibbon's catalogue a constantly recurring footnote reads:

"Collectors are warned against forgerles of the inverted overprint which have been made in Egypt."

If the compilers of this admirable list had gone a step farther and had stated that the whole of the first Issue of this country were scattered around the earth in countless thousands spuriously counterfeited, a boon would have been conferred upon the younger collector. The two stamps mentioned, the one mill and five mill, inverted, are raritles and command a high price. They being worth respectively \$15 and \$20 in fine used condition and only. Ilkely to be purchased by the more advanced collector or specialist, enthusiasts who scrutinize their stamps and the overprint thereon very minutely and through their greater experience are (at any rate now-a-days) seldom caught napping.

It has been my privilege to be familiar with the stamps of the Egyptian Soudan since their inception, and I know that it is not the inverted overprints that are to be so much feared as are the normal type. These are offered for sale by hawkers in the large towns of Egypt, especially at the coast ports of Port Said, Vuez and Alexandria, where tourists call, at anything from \$2 down to 50 cents the set of eight, and are certainly worth no more than the gaudy paper on which they are displayed. These were also on sale in the Soudan itself until the government's attention was drawn to the matter, the first imposters caught being mulcted in a fine of \$150; since when the forgery is more scarce in the last named country than the real goods. The purpose of this article is to explain as briefly as possible a few simple tests in deciding the genuineness or otherwise of the stamps in question. It must be pointed out that the 1897 issue of Soudan stamps were borrowed from Egypt and overprinted 'Soudan" in English and Arabic, and as the then current set of the "Pyrmids and Sphnix" type could be purchased wholesale at a few cents only per set, ways and means were soon discovered by the unscrupulous to "get rich quickly" with very little outlay in either money or material. The forger looked for stamps lightly oblituated and on these impressed the overprint with a rubber stamp. It is not expected that the but if one of these stamps bore the post-mark say of Cairo, it would at once be obvious that this particular specimen had not seen service in the Soudan, though it had been duly mlcharged. But it is not necessary to know the Egyptian postmarks, for if the collector will look at the stamp through his glass, the fact will be revealed that the false impression rests over the postmark Instead of underneath as it should be if the stamp were genuine. This the original "fakers" soon realized and seeing that this flaw might prove the means of "the best laid plans" being ineffective they forthwith forged the obliterating stamp "HALFA" (the base port office in the Soudan) in thick black letters and while this helped to improve matters to some extent, the whole thing is so patent that with the aid of a good glass the merest novice should easily escape imposition.

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Reading, Pa., May 20th, 1916,

My Dear Members:

The secretary has just forwarded to me for my approvel the Official Ballot for the Annual Election to be held at Washington, D. C., August, 15, 16, 17 1916.

Included in these nominations for various offices for the year 1916-1917 are many of my friends and aside from my own opposition I wish to call to mind in an un-official way, the hope that this campaign for office will be conducted along lines, that when the campaign is a thing of the past, that those who are fortunate enough to be elected will bear no feeling of ill-will toward their opponents and vise-versa.

If anything will disrupt this society it would be from just such a state as this, which may cause a split over election results, and this we must by all

means avoid, be the election results, what they may.

I have tried to work in unison with all the officers during my term of office, and I have taken a personal pride in seeing this Association grow to such large proportions and today among its membership, I dare say, are many of the leaders in Philatelic circles. Therefore, we have a prestige now that we must maintain and to do this, we must have harmony and to relieve your mind when the ballots are received, Immediately vote for your choice and forward them and then get down to actual and earnest work for the Society. When your ballot is cast, let that be the finish of all annoying letters or any liffeelings, or any sort of annoyances in any way, and let us all pull together for the betterment of the Society we all are mutually interested in.

Assuring the members that I bear no lil feelings to any who are opposed to me but with my heart full of thanks for all courtesies extended to me, and with a sincere feeling that what success I have made, has been accomplished with the untiring efforts of the members.

Let our watchword be "ON TO WASHINGTON." This much I can say, that arrangements for our entertainment is being made there, that has never been surpassed at any Philatelic gathering.

Yours for a better and bigger S. P. A.

CLIFFORD W. KISSINGER, Pres.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT-APPLICATION.

2403. Rev. E. H. Eckel, Jr., 211 W. Market St., Warrensburg, Mo. 26, Rergyman, Dennis Collard.

2046. Charles Holmes, 78 Longwood Ave., Roxbury, Mass. Legal, Clerk. A. M. Wright.

2071. E. Ingwall Brandt, Hendricks, Minn. 21, Laborer. J. B. Brandt.

2201. J. C. McCreary, Colorado City, Colo. 46, Publisher, J. E. Guest.

2364. Athol W. Cliff, State Normal School, East Stroutsburg, Pa. 16, Student and Stamp Dealer, Jno. C. McKean.

2365. H. L. Preston, Jordan, N. Y. 38, Owner and Mgr. J. E. Gue t.

2366. Frank Kenyon, Box 108, Greene, N. Y. 19, Clerk, J. E. Guest.

2367. A. J. Mitula Jr., 1628 Ave. H. Galveston, Texas. 21, Collector of Acunts. T. E. Flick.

2368. Ralph Reuland, 51 Oak Ave., Aurora, Ill. 16, C. S. Lewis.

2369. Clifton M. White, Mabel, Minn. 16, Student. V. W. Rotnem.

2370. Oscar Beck, 811 Borthwick, Portland, O.e. 33, Civ.I Engineer, J. Emory Renoll.

2371. Henry G. Carleton, 1826 Portland Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. Legal, Lawyer, J. E. Guest.

2372. Harley C. Beard, 103 Meridian, Carthage, Mo. 23, Bookkeeper, Dennis Collard.

- 2373. W. F. L. Satterfield, Staunton, Okla., 33, Postmaster. A. A. Jones.
- 2374. M. O. Garritt, Burrows St., Geneva, Ohio. Legal. C. V. Webb.
- 2375. Maurice Neel, 880 Clarkson Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. 39, Accountant. H. F. Christensen.
- 2376. Lloyd H. Lapum, 54 Bostwick St., Lowville, N. Y. 29, Sheet Metal Worker, L. T. Brodstone. Added by Pub. last month as 2364.
- 2377. Julien Coblentz, 478 Harrison 9ve., Astoria, Oregon. 30, Representative N. Y. Life, H. R. Hendricks.
  - 2378. Raleigh Luckett, Muirkirk, Md. 11, Scholar. A. E. Gorham.
- 2379. Jno. L. Clem, Brig. Gen. U. S. A., Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C. A. E. Gorham.
- 2380. Norman S. Fitzhugh, 1804 Lamont St., Washington, D. C. 37, Insurance, H. B. Mason.
  - 2381. B. C. Church, Wrenshall, Minn, 56, Farmer, C. V. Webb.
- 2382. G. M. Converse, 1605 Main St., Niagara Falls, N. Y. 30, Printer. L. T. Brodstone.
- 2383. H. M. Weinstock, 561 Park Ave., Kenosha, Wisc. 42, Sales Mgr. C.
- V. Webb. 2384. Robert Platt, Box 756, Cornwell-on-Hudson, N. Y. 15, Student. L. T.
- Brodstone.
  2385. Gustave Gelbert, 881 Stebbins Ave., N. Y. City. 15. R. W. Ahlmann.
  - 2386. Arnold Anderson, 142 Walnut St., Aurora, Ill. 14. C. S. Lewis.
- 2387. Chas. F. Brignardello, 2209 Scott St., San Francisco, Calif. Legal, Monument Merchant. L. f. Brodstone.
- 2388. Otto F. Moses, Box 369, Cleveland, Ohio. 31, System Mgr. C. V. Webb.
- 2389. James E. Crouch, 473 Brown St., Akron, Ohio. 31, Carpenter. C. V. Webb.
- 2390. George Umstead, Jeffersonville, Pa., 35, Bookkeeper. M. H. Gan-
- ser.
  2391. Jas. G. Murphy, Care The Belize Estate and Produce Co., Ltd.,
- Belize, Br. Honduras. 25, Engineer. L. T. Broustone. 2392. C. L. Hoevet, R. F. D. Fairfield, Nebr. 35, Farmer. L. T. Brodstone
- 2393. Theo. Q. Pardee, 61 Brodway, Care Vacuum Oil Co., N. Y. City. 42,
- Auditor, J. E. Guest.
  2394. Samuel L. Bierbauer, 1035 N. Michigan Ave., Pasadena, Calif. 31,
- Bank Clerk, C. V. Webb.
- 2395. John J. Warns, Box 4, Wentworth, S. Dak. Legal, Farmer. J. E. Guest.
- 2396. Robert G. B. Christian, Care Prest-O-Lite Co., Speedway, Ind. 21, Bookkeeper, C. V. Webb.
- 2397. Edwin T. Eeroyd, Care First Nat. Bank, Pierce City, Mo. 33, Asst. Cashier. Dennis Collard.
- 2398, L. L. Krippner, Box 398, Minneapolis, Minn. Added by Publisher under different number last month.
- 2399. David Plotz, 10-12 Fulton St., Hudson N. Y. 19, Printer. Parke M. Lawrence.
- 2400. Alexander C. Bartley, 69 Montclair Ave., Montclair, N. J. Legal, Stamp Dealer, J. E. Guest.

2401. Miss Esther Jones, Milwaukie, Oregon, 21, C. V. Webb.

2402. Milton Hubsch, 318 Rich Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y. 14, Student. Parke Lawrence.

2404. Jas F. Findlay, 1611½ Turner St., Allentown, Pa. 28, Accountant. H. M. Fry.

H. M. Fry. 2405. Franklin Charles Mertz, Box 102, Aurora, Colo. 38, Poultryman.

J. E. Guest.
2406. Einer Johnson, 366 Carroll St., St. Paul, Minn. 27, Chemist. J. E.

Guest.
2407. Henry N. Martinsen. 609 West 149 St. N. Y. City. 17, Stenographer.

2408. Thos. R. Johnston, Saltsburg, Pa., 43, Merchant, B. F. Egan.

2409. Albin Lord, N. St. Clair St., Painesville, O. Legal, Stationer, C. V. Webb.

2410. John J. Staub, 442 Masten Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. 50, Contractor, E. E. Elster.

2411. Charles Hiaumet, Vandervoort, Ark. 25. Barber, L. J. Ragatz.

2412. Harold G. Rippey, Box 262, Heavener, Okla. 15, Student. M. Ohlman.

2413. J. Clayland Mullikin, Jr., 214 Dover St., Easton, Md. 15, Student, J. E. Guest.

2414. G. B. Roach, Deroche, B. C., Canada, 21, Asst. P. M. J. E. Guest.

2415. Herbert A. Jungman, Box 12, White Fish Bay, Wisc., 24, House Serant. Alfred Nielsen.

2416. August Seyffert, Box 224, California, Mo., 72, Bookkeeper, Dennis Collard.

2417. P. A. Coppard, 3970 Utah St., San Diego, Calif., 44, Wholesale Grocer. C. V. Webb.

2418. E. S. Blackwell, 460 11 St., Oakland, Calif. Legal, Stamp Dealer, B.

2419. A. J. Seebach, Dysart, Ia. 29, Farmer, C. V. Webb.

2420. L. A. Lauritzen, 318 W. 63 St., Chicago, Ill. 33, Photographer, H. L. Lindquist.

2421. A. L. Nelson, 3238 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill. 40, Salesman. V. W. Rotnem.

2422, T. C. Van Son, Lewiswyn, Sask., Canada, 40, Agricultural Secretary.
V. W. Rotnem.

2423. E. A. Rood, Box 31, Bradentown, Fla., 28, Merchant. L. T.

2424. A. H. Pike, Station G, Buffalo, N. Y., 37, Mgr. J. E. Guest.

2425. A. Darnaud, 412 C Street., San Diego, Cal., 42, Florist. L. E. Anselm.

2426. Gerald C. Flinn, 72 Second Pl., Brooklyn, N. Y., 18. Wm. Lycett.

2427. Robert O. McLaughlin, 429 Buckner St., Dunkirk, N. Y., 23, Printer. V. W. Rotnem.

2428. T. M. Tang, 839 Yuen Fong Road, Shanghai, China, 23, Student. C. V. Webb.

2429. J. N. Redman, 231 E. Eastwood, Marshall, Mo., Legal, News-

2430. James B. Pelletier, 202 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, La., 59.
Merchant. H. R. Hendricks.

2431. Maurice Goldsmith, 36 Rutledge Avenue, Charleston, S. C., 15; Student. R. W. Ahlmann.

2432. Charles R. Boum, 55 Duffleld Street, Detriot, Mich., 46, Upholsterer and Decorator. C. V. Webb.

2433. Jno. Jacobson, Pedrickton, New Jersey, 51, Machinist. A. A. Jones.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

#### RESIGNED.

#### 883. John H. Frederick.

Arc. Olivier, 6 Ave. Cartier, Quebec, Canada.

F. J. Brooks, 31 Arthur Street, Beverley, Mass.

T. H. Milenius, 10112 Hampden Ave., Cleveland, Ohio,

O G. Beardslee, 5502 Vallejo Street, Oakland, Cal.

Prof. Barry McNutt. Annisquam Sta., Gloucester, Mass.

C. H. Loomis, 2812 36 Pl., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Joseph A. Duoba, 322 North Sheridan Road, Kenosha, Wis.

H. Ellis Harris, 3751 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, Md. Chas. L. Widney, Sewanee, Tenn.

### DROPPED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

The dues of the following expired Jan. 1st under the old ruling: B-1338; F-428; M-1348, 969; S-476; T-1099; W-885; Z-1008.

#### MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY.

Total membership, May 13, 1916, 1310. New members, 83. Dropped, 8, Resigned, 1. Total membership, June 19, 1916, 1384.

#### ON RECRUITING.

The standing: C. V. Webb, 124; J. E. Guest, 79; L. T. Brodstone, 66; C. W. Kissinger, 27; V. W. Rotnem. 25; A. E. Gorham. 20; H. R. Hendricks, 12; H. E. Klotzbach, Dennis Collard and H. M. Fry, 10; Wm. Lycett, 8; A. A. Jones and Jerome G. Wolf, 7; L. B. Farvour, E. Androchowicz, Burt McCann, O. G. Beardslee and Parke M. Lawrence, 6; Herbert Klein, L. J. Ragatz, 5; E. T. Wallis, B. P. Allen, W. H. Kinard, E. L. Fischer, M. Ohlman, R. W. Ahlmann, H. F. Christianson, Dr. J. M. Suarez, L. M. Lang and H. C. Burns, 4 The following three each: Chas. W. Ritchie, H. A. Bernard, R. H. Eilers, Silas Weatherby, S. H. Brainard, J. J. Zamora, F. R. Hayworth, E. E. Elster.

WE WILL BE AT THE WASHINGTON CONVENTION AUG. 15-17.

The following have signified their intention of being present to the Secretary. This includes all names received to June 19th.

Clifford W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Lycett, Brooklyn, N. Y., C. V. Webb, Perry, Ohio, Erwin L. Fischer, Clnncinnati, Ohio, E. T. Wallis, Indianapolis, Ind., Harry E. Klotzbach, Buffalo, N. Y., Parke M. Lawrence, Conneautville, Pa., C. E. Severn, Chicago, Ill., J. E. Guest, Minneapolis, Minn., Ralph Spray, Mantua, Ohio, Maury Swartz, Ft. Scriven, Ga.,

Malcolm H. Ganser, Norristown, Pa., H. C. Kingdom, Couneaut, Ohlo, Reuben W. Ahlmann, Norfolk, Nebr., Ralph Daskam, Chevy Chase, Md., Dr. R. L. Allen, Waynesville, N. C., W. H. Kinard, Greenville, S. C., Daniel B. Nagle, Reading, Pa., W. C. Boult, Philadelphia, Pa., F. B. Gooch, Eddystone, Pa., F. H. Pavey, Connersville, Ind., Robt. Seidel, Reading, Pa., Chas. Seidel, Reading, Pa., D. H. Huyett, Jr., Reading, Pa., H. M., Fry, Bethlehem, Pa., H. E. Harris, Baltimore, Md., J. K. Waltt, Norfolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Flerlage, Norwood, Ohlo, Peter Zodac, Peekskill, N. Y., Albert Schneil, Warwood, West Virginia

Mrs. Erwin L. Fisher, Cincinnati, Ohio, Miss Cecilia Fischer, Cincinnati, Ohio, Master Walter L. Fischer, Cincinnati Ohio, Max Golding, Chicago, Ill., Roger A. Kline, Vancluse Va. Geo. Gandenberger Jr. Brooklyn Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dennett Cambridge, Mass., J. E. Grafer, Newark, Ohio, T. M. R. Lupfer, Detroit, Mich., Jas. D. Moore. Baltimore, MD., F. G. Payne, Roanoke, Va. E. L. Weiss, N. Y. City.

Dear Members:

Counting applications pending, we have now the largest membership list of any American stamp organization.

New application from Haroid Louis Waters being considered under 1976. 2046 published a few months ago has been withdrawn. Mr. Lapum under 2364 last month changed to 2376. Mr. Krippner under 2385 last month changed to 2398,

Reserve your room at the Raleigh Hotel and then be sure you will have one when you arrive there.

Best wishes.

Respectfully submitted,

C. V. WEBB, Secretary.

#### EXCHANGE MANAGER'S REPORT, JUNE 1, 1916.

On hand as per last report, 222 books, catalog value \$5937.04; received since then 40 books, catalog value \$678.55, which makes a total of 262 books now on hand with a catalog value of \$6615.59

Insurance Fund. Amount on hand as per last report, \$18.47. Insurance fund now on hand, \$25.23.

The above report shows what I have accomplished in the Exchange in the coming election. I am on the job all the time, and can give this Dpartment, and I hope to have the support of the membership at large Department, and I hope to have the support of the membership at large Ington Convention, and shall be glad to hold your proxy should you be unable to attend.

Fraternally Vonre

E. T. WALLIS.

S. P. A. Exchange Manager,

420 Saks Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind

Every cent spent with our ads will make a better paper for you. Be sure and mention the WEST when writing all Advertisers.

#### REPORT OF SALES MANAGER

Minneapolis, Minn., June 5th, 1916.

On hand May 6th, 1229 Books with a total net value of \$2698.9.9. Retired during the month 34 Books with a total net value of \$296.50 from which the sales totaled \$173.05 or about 60 per cent. Leaving on hand 1385 books with a total net value of \$20,277.29. If you are not receiving these circuits you are certainly missing a fine opportunity to pick up bargains. Over \$2,000.00 has been paid to members on account of sales from their books although books totaling less than \$500.00 have been retired. Doesn't that convince you that my system is working satisfactorily. Election time is approaching and I trust you will not fail to vote for me, I promise the same conscientious efficient service if I am re-elected.

Insurance Fund: On hand June 5th, \$3.36. Due from retired books this report, \$3.89. Total, \$7.25, which has been forwarded to the Secretary in accordance with the Constitution.

J. E. GUEST.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Cinncinnati, Ohio, June 1, 1916.

To the Members of the Southern Philatelic Association: Herewith my report for the month of May.

| Cash | on hand May  | 1st             | \$535.06 |
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| Dues | and Interest | Received in May | 39.90    |
| Year | Books, Sold  | One at          | .50      |

Total \_\_\_\_

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| C. F. Hunt, Sales Dept. Loss     | \$ 5.06 |       |
| Harry Knapp, Dues Refunded       | .65     |       |
| Mekeel's Weekly, Advertisement   | 1.20    |       |
| A. E. Gorham, May Postage        | 7.90    |       |
| C. V. Webb, May Salary (\$13.10) |         |       |
| C. V. Webb, Y. B. to New Members | 2.65    |       |
| C. V. Webb, May Postage          | 12,15   | 42.71 |
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Balance on hand June 1st \_\_\_\_\_ \$532.75

\$50.00 of the above in the hands of the Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted,

ERWIN L. FISCHER, TREASURER.

#### BETHLEHEM'S BRANCH No. 12

The meeting to organize a local branch of the Southern Philatelic Association, known as the Bethlehems' Branch of S. P. A., was held in the physical laboratory of Lehigh university on Tuesday evening, May 2nd, 1916. J. C. Mc-Kean acted as temporary chairman and H. M. Fry as secretary.

After looking through a number of stamp collections the meeting was finally called to order about 8:30.

The following men were present: J. C. McKean, H. M. Fry, G. A. R. Roush,

H. J. Updegrove, M. K. Huffman, Frank P. McKibben, Rollin L. Charles, Geo. O. Gilhelmer, E. E. Holmes, Barry MacNutt, E. T. Parker, Wilbur L. King, B. H. Jones.

The society was favored by the presence of Clifford W. Kissinger, who gave a brief but very cordial welcome of the local branch into S. P. A. He also mentioned the annual convention in Washington the middle of August and hoped to see the new organized branch well represented there.

The guest of the evening was E. B. Powers, who brought for exhibition parts of the collections of Senator E. R. Ackerman, 1 Broadway, New York City, and Lawrence Wells, 42nd and Lexington Ave., New York City.

The two books from the Ackerman collection showed highly specialized early issues of the United States, and the book from the Wells collection showed more modern specilization. The cash value of the stamps shown in the three books was about \$15,000.

Mr. Power than gave a very entertaining talk on the U. S. stamps issued since 1908. The substance of his talk was as follows:

In the wet process of engraving stamps the sheets shrink in drying. if the perforating machine is set for equal spacing the outer stamps will be poorly centered if the inner stamps are well centered.

To eliminate this the outer four vertical rows on each side of a sheet were spaced 3 mm, and the other rows 2 mm.

All plates so made up were designated by a star on the plate and are known as starred plates. The stamps, up to the 15 of the 1908 series, are starred and also the plates of the 1910 series up to the 5c value.

After the change of paper in 1910 it was decided to give all stamps the benefit of the wider spacing, and the 3 mm, spacing was given to all stamps,

This brought out the new series of Bureau A plates as distinguished from the starred plates. The 1910 and 1912 issue exist on Bureau A plates and the later plates o fthe 1912 and current issues have the A removed.

The presence of the A has no significance other than to distinguish them

Mr. Power then went into the detail of the cornering of the famous 1908 blued paper stamps, in which he told us how many of each stamp were known to be in circulation and how a great many of them found their way to his

He then said a few words regarding the coils and explained the apparent rarity of the joint pair over the guide line pair in that the invention of the rotary plate coil has eliminated paste-ups forever. He also stated that before many months the regular postage stamp would be issued from rotary plates.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Professor McKibben, the secretary was instructed to write to Messrs. Ackerman and Wells, thanking them for the exhibition of their stamps. Adjourned.

Next meeting, June 6th.

H. M. FRY

#### WASHINGTON BRANCH No. 5.

Washington Branch No. 5, S. P. A., met Monday night, May 22, in its headquarters, 718-719 Bond building, 14th st. and N. Y. ave., N. W., Washington,

# FOREIGN REVENUE NOTES. By Oscar T. Hartmann.

In my first article I forgot to mention the other values, 2, 5, 10, 20c of 1887-93 Bolivia also Ic of 1897 surcharged: Tabajos-Un Centavo. As I heard Great Britain has the 1% and 3d present issue surcharged: Medium. The 1, 2, 4. 8 anna India 1865-68 were surcharged; Court fes, used in Madras; also the service stamps same time for Bombay and the 2 4 8a with service barred. used in Calcutta. The Bussahir revenues are similar to the postage, but in different colors. The values in black are only essays. In receipt of Cochin. similar to the postage. 1a red of Faridkot similar to the native postage issue. Hyderabad has a receipt 1 anna, vermillion, blue or blue gray, similar to postage. The la in green or brown is essay. Type of Holhay 1890 but 3 lines of inscription in center. Las Bela, la in black on white paper. Orcha receipt is la blue Sirmoor la blue surcharged: receipt. Postage of Travancore 1889. surcharged: C. F. There are 4 Italian revenues, which are of the same design as the official stamps of 1870-94. The officials are all orange and carmine, but the revenues the 2c is olive 3c brown 6c green and 30c manye. All four have red numerals. Five values of the Jamaica postage 1883-96 are surcharged: Judicial; also the 5 sh. of 1905. The 1, 5, 10, 201 of Crete postage 1900 perforated X are revenues. The 5 and 10c Negri-Sembilan 1892 were surcharged: J: 5 cents, 10 cents J, or Judicial. All scarce. The 5\$ postage of Terak surcharged: Pahang is a revenue. Nine value of Terak 1899 postage surcharged; Judicial. The 3c on \$5.00 blue surcharged: Revenue only, Selangor used the postage, 1895-99, 8 values, surcharged; Judicial, either blue or red, and 10 values surcharged: J. either in black blue or red. For the Federated Malay States 9 value in 1901 were used, surcharged; Judicial. The 4c carmine Mauritium 1885 surcharged: Inland Reveiue. Some of the values of the Sonara 1914 Transitorio were also used postally. Five values of the postage of Natal 1902-05 were hand stamped covering two stamps: Customs Duty, in two lines: also 5 stamps were typographed same surcharge. The 1, 3, 6, 9d and 1sh. 1857 are postage; but the same designs were used later as revenues so be careful, as the colors correspond. Of course all those printed in relief on white paper are revenues. In 1870 the 1, 6d and 1sh of the postage type were used, but they are in different colors. Nevis used the postage of 1867-79 surcharged: Revenue, with or without dot at end, and in 1882 six of the postage surcharged: REVENUE, in capital letters. South Nigeria used 3 shilling values surcharged: CONSULAR as revenues. The three values, 5, 10sh and 1 pound New South Wales revenues of 1868-71 were surcharged POSTAGE in 1885, so better look out, that you do not buy a fake. All postage perforated O. S. are official stamps and not revenues. Many values of New South Wales and New Zealand and were pre-cancelled and must be as a general rule put down as revenue used. Also many of the New Zealand revenues were used postally and I advise you to look several times, so it is not a bank cancellation. The New Zealand stamp duty designs were also in very similar design for counterpart, duty paid in full, fine paid, not liable, penalty paid, so a little closer views will not hurt, and may puv you well.

Sparks Says: "Stamp Collectors are like potatoes—they both have eyes, some have specks."

#### A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY .- By Bertram W. H. Poels.

Batonne Paper—One of the many kinds of paper on which stamps have been printed. "Batonne" means "ruled," and this paper is watermarked with straight parallel lines placed a certain distance apart. There are two kinds of "batonne" paper—wove and laid.

In "wove batonne" the spaces between the watermarked lines are plain. This variety has but seldom been used in stamp production and the only example I can call to mind is furnished by some of the curious labels issued by the Indian pative state of Poonch.

In "laid batonne" the spaces between the watermarked lines are filled with fainter watermarked lines running in the same direction. It is not often mot with, but some of the Guadalajara stamps of Mexico were printed on it. It is worth noting that the thin writing paper commonly known as "foreign note" forms an excellent example of laid "batonne" paper, (See also Paper,)

Baton Rouge—The capital of the state of Louisiana, situated on the Missispip river, and having a present population of well over 12,000. In 1779 it was taken from the British by the Spaniards and in 1862 it was the scene of a victory by the Federals over the Confederates. It is philatelically famous from the fact that in 1861 the then postmaster, Mr. J. McCormick, issued three matmps to facilitate the prepayment of postage and these continued in use until they were replaced by the general issue for the Confederate Stats.

Bath, Ph.—A Danish engraver who engraved the dies for the 1864, 1870, and 1874 stamps of Denmark. The design for the 1870 issue was the work of the painter Ohik, but it seems probable that the designs of the two later issues weer the work of Batz himself.

Baum and Dallas—A firm of printers who produced the Official Gazette of British Guiana, for the colonial government, at Georgetown. In February, 1856, they set up and printed from ordinary type some Ic and 4c stamps required for provisional use. The Ic of this issue is the rarest, or perhaps it would be more correct to say the most valuable, known stamp.

Bavaria—The second kingdom in size and population of the German Empire. It is divided into two unequal parts, the larger portion, comprising elevantwelfths of the whole, being situated eact of the Khine between Bohemia, Austria, Switzerland, Wurtembuurg, Baden, Hesse-Darmstadt, Hesse-Nassau and various Thuringian states. The smaller portion is on the west bank of the Rhine, between Alsace-Lorraine, Rhineland, and Hesse-Darmstadt. The kingdom has a total area of 28.885 square miles and a population exceeding six and a half millions. Its capital, Munich, has a population of more tana 500,000. Bavaria forms a hereditary constitutional monarchy, the legislative power being invested in the king and two legislative chambers. It contributes three corps d'armee to the forces of the German Empire, these having a peace footing of nearly 76,000 men. Though forming part of the imperial army, the Bavarian corps are numbered separately and administered independently. Bavaria still retains its own postal administration quite independent of that of the German Empire. Its first postage stamps were issued on November 1st, 1849.

Bayer Posttaxe—An inscription in Gothic type shown on the first postage due stamp of Bayaria, meaning "Bayaria, postage due."

Bayr-A contraction of the word "Bayern" shown on the 1870 postage due stamps of Bayaria.

#### NEW ISSUE NOTES .- By Lowell J. Ragatz.

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#### United States

The 4e and 5c retary printing stamps, perforated ten vertically, were issued a short time ago. These stamps are slightly wider and in different shades from those printed on the ordinary prosses.

#### Belgium

We have seen the regular postage of the 1916 series, 10c to 5f Inclusive, sortharged "Chemins De Fer Spoorwegen" and winged wheel, apparently for use as parcel post stamps. Particulars are lacking.

#### Brazil

In addition to the value of the current set in changed colors chronicled a short time ago, we have received the following new stamps from Rio De Janeiro:

50r bright green. 500r bright violet. 400r bright olive.

## England and Colonies

Correspondents in America and abroad have sent us numerous current issue stamps, mostly of face value under 5d, which are showing great variation from the normal colors. Apparently the scarcity of dyes is to result in hundreds of new color varieties.

#### Greece

A new set of pictorial stamps, ranging in value from 11 to 10d, is in course of preparation and will be issued during the summer.

#### Ireland

We are indebted to Frank S. Thompson for the following clipping, taken from a Winnipeg paper:

Dublin, via London, May 4.—Postage stamps prepared by the short-lived Irish republic have been found, ready for Issue. They are printed in the republican colors—green, white and orange—with inset pictures of the three Manchester martyrs—Allen, Larkin and O'Brien—on a shamrock leaf. Beneath is a harp and the words "God Save Ireland."

#### Jamaica

The ½d green, arms type, stamp and the 3d King George stamp, surfaced paper, have been issued overprinted "War Stamp" in black. The surcharge is applied horizontally and is in capital letters. The ½d value is a tax on all letters, while the 3d is for use on parcels. A 1½d stamp to cover both postage and the war tax is rumored.

#### Japan-Offices in China

The current 5y and 10y stamps bearing the customary surcharge in Japanese characters, were placed on sale a short time ago.

#### 40 Liberia

Several dealers are offering scarce errors (so-called) of the recent surcharge set issued for collectors in general. They are worse than junk.

#### Maylon

We have received a supply of the new 50 Carranza stamps, which were issued late in April The 5n stamp pictures the postoffice at Mexico City, and is colored rose and blue

#### Mexico

The entire 1910 centennary set, with the possible exception of the 4c stamp. and stamps of several new checlete surcharged sets has been surcharged "G. P. De M.," reading up and down, and in various colors. A complete chronicle is impossible at this time

#### New Zealand

A. E. Armstrong has shown us copies of the current 2p stamp, which now is printed in orange instead of mauve as heretofore.

#### North Bornes

We have seen three new provisonals from this colony, they being the 3c. 6c, and 12c stamps of the 1909 issue, surcharged "2 cents," "4 cents," and "10 cents." The surcharge on the 3c stamp is in black: that on the 6c and 12c is in lake, respectively. These stamps are said to be scarce,

Owing to the shortage of stamps, unsurcharged postage-due stamps are being used for regular postal purposes.

The current set of Bosnian stamps, 1 heller to 10 krone, recently appeared surcharged "Serbia." There are two types of this surcharge, one being diagonal reading up, and the other reading horizontally. German dealers seem to think the former sat a rare one

#### Spain-Morocco Office

The current 20c special delivery stamp of Spain has been issued surcharged "Protectorado Espanol En Marruencos" uniformly with the rest of the new surcharge stamps chronicled a short while ago.

The 5c stamp of 1906 has been issued with a surcharged red cross and two bars crossing out the original face value. As no new value is given, we presume that these stamps may be used in conjunction with the unsurcharged 10c stamp, though we do not believe its use to be compulsory.

#### Warsaw

The local stamps which were issued some months ago have been declared invalid for postage. A. C. Roessler states that German "Polen" stamps, with the surcharge "Gouvernement Warchau," have replaced them.

SOCIETY NOTES AND COMMENT.—By Harold K. Bowen, Ft. Dodge, Iowa. NOTE:—Secretaries of stamp and oein organizations are requested in cand maws two cent stamp when writing the Solice of the department for information.

The annual banquet of the Omaha Stamp Club was held at Hotel Loyal on the evening of May 5, with Frank S. Parmalee acting as toastmaster. The last regular meeting of the season was held on Friday evening, May 19. Club dinners are special institutions of these meetings.

The Winnipeg Stamp Club is helping to exploit the hobby of stamp collecting. Literature is being published and sent out among the non-collectors. The M. P. A. is doing this somewhat, but we would like to see other national organizations boost.

The first meeting of the newly organized Thunder Bay Philatelic Association was held on the 26th of March. Its membership is composed of collectors from Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., and Port Arthur and Port William, Ont. The officers are W. Russell Brown, president; J. V. Detlor, vice president; J. C. Ostwood, secretary-treasurer, and W. R. Pringle, librarian.

The American Stamp Dealers Association has been incorporated under the laws of the state of Michigan.

The Iowa Stamp Society has been reorganized as the Iowa State Branch, Number 10, of the S. P. A. Look up the report of the secretary.

The Philatelic Society of Argentine will hold an exhibition in commemoration of the centennary of Argentine's independence. It will be held at Buenos Aires sometime in September.

Another Y. M. C. A. Stamp Club has been launched at Elyria, Ohio, under the guarding and guiding hand of James B. Thomas.

The Lynn Branch of the N. P. S. and the General Electric Stamp and Coin Club recently held an exhibition of valuable stamps and coins in the Lynn Public Library.

The first annivesary of the San Francisco Stamp Society was celebrated at 2233 Larkin street on Tuesday evening, February 1. The present officers are Henry J. Seider, president; Charles W. Arp, vice president; Donald Piercy, secretary-treasurer, and Edwin P. Seebohm, sales and auction manager,

A "Echo de la **Timb**rologie," the excellent French philatelic paper, begins with the number of April 30th, a list with full description of all post-cards, letterheads, and envelopes, official, commemorative, judiciary and for charitable purposes, published everywhere. The author is Mr. E. Herlulson, and he has given himself much trouble to make this list, which will be continued in the next number, as complete as possible. Who will publish the first list of stamps which have appeared during the war? I do not mean the postage stamps, but those of different Red Cross Societies, the stamps of Hate, the stamps for Aviatory purposes and all those others, which, brought together, form a very interesting collection.

#### A DEAL IN RARE STAMPS \_\_ By Arthur Irwin Smith.

Wayland Burgess was an enthusiastic student of philately. He had begun stamp collecting about the time he learned the alphabet, and by the time he was in long trousers he knew as much about stamps and their values as many a New York dealer with thousands of dollars invested.

Wayland, in fact, was something of a dealer himself. He lacked capital but occasional judicious purchases, and frequent sales to the reliable list of patrons he had built up through advertising in a small way in the trade papers, with conscientious good service to all, netted him some attractive profits every month

New Orleans was a sort of center for the stamp business, being nearer to Central America than any of our other large cities, and Wayland usually was among the first to secure a supply of any new or provisional issues that might come from those countries.

Wayland had an older friend, Frank Gillette, who was employed in the office of the Central American Steamship Co., and through him Wayland had succeeded in securing the privilege of taking the stamps from that corporation's incomplex mail

Of course, he did not take time to detach the ordinary 1-cent and -cent domestic stamps, which are practically of no value, but he always looked over the wrappers of whatever correspondence was thrown in the waste, and now and then secured some valuable and interesting specimens.

One day at the noon hour as he was sorting over the waste paper, now and then clipping off a desirable stamp, he heard a light footstep behind him. He looked up, and met the gaze of a smiling, dark-faced, dark-eyed young man, apparently of Latin blood.

"Pardon," said the stranger smoothly. "May I ask the object of your work?"

Wayland explained that he was interested in stamps and stamp collecting

"Ah!" he breathed softly. "It is fortunate. I, too, am a philatelist. I have some treasures you might like to see-of Mexico."

The trouble at Vera Cruz was at its height, and Wayland looked at the intruder with new interest. "I'd be glad to see what you have," he remarked. "I'm always ready to buy good specimens at reasonable prices."

"I have some gems." the stranger purred in smooth, silken tones. "I have some of the rare Sonoras, put out by the Constitutionalists in place of the Huertaistas, which were objectionable to true Mexicans. A confidence, senor —I am sent on a diplomatic mission by Senor Carranza, but I am pleased to meet other collectors and to talk of stamps."

Wayland's shrewd eyes could detect no sign of an evil purpose in the foreigner's appearance or words, yet an indefinable something in his tone stuck with him like a burr.

"Come with me, and I'll show you what I am so fortunate as to possess," continued the man. "My name is Emanuel Rojas."

"Pleased to meet you, Senor Rojas," said Wayland, pronouncing the Spanish words with difficulty. "I am Wayland Burgess."

"Yes? I have seen your little advertisements in the magazines of our hobby.

#### FOREIGN REVIEW .- By Robert C. Edgar, Box 362, Wichita, Kan.

The Philatelic Magazine, London, England, for April 5, 1916, is full of the philatelic war fund auction. They show a fine cut of the stamp, also picture of the final purchaser and a picture of the auction. This auction realized over \$15.000.

The Spanish Philatelist, for March, 1916, does not contain anything of interesting this time; they are still publishing the catalog of Spanish stamps as previously mentioned.

Philatelic, of Barcelona, for April, 1916, contains a good article under the head of important errors of the Don Carlos issues of Spain printed in 1875.

The Madrid Philatelist for March, 1916, comes out in a new cover of bright yellow printed in two colors, black and green. The new appearance is a great improvement over the old. There is a good article on Mexican stamps, showing most of the surcharges on the 1910 issue that have come out since the war starter; also one issue of Sonoras.

Revista of Buenos Afres for January and February, 1916, the official organ of the Argentine Philatelic Society, are continuing their study of Bolivia and Uruguay in the thorough manner the society takes up all countries.

The Echo Philatelist, a quarterly, issue for January-March, outside of some new issue articles, does not amount to much.

The Brazilian Philatelist for March and April, 1916, looks about the same as the previous issues, the history of stamps of Brazil being the main article.

The Postal Eco, Valencia, Spain, for March, 1916, contains the new issue notes right up to the minute. They show a new issue of Serbia. Now where are they going to be used? The information we have over here is that Serbia is in the hands of the central powers. Under the head of "The War and the Stamps," they show a cut of a stamp printed in Germany which says across the top "God Punish England," the center of the design is so blurred we cannot make it out. At the bottom are two figure 2s, and two iron crosses; then translated literally into English, "He punish it," does not exactly read sense to me; but that is it. Then another picture of a German stamp shows a big man standing on a map of Italy, with a mighty big club in his hands, inscribed, "Shame on Italy" and "band-week." They show a cut of an English stamp, shape of one of our parcel post stamps, inscribed at the top "Remember Always"; at the bottom, "Nothing German"; left side, "Fine Art"; right side, "Trade Guild" in the center is Brittanica watching the Lustiania sinking.

Stamp Collecting, of London, England, for April 29, 1916, comes out with another utterly needless issue of stamps being used in Salonica, Greece. This issue was all sold out by March 7th, having been on sale a very few days, practically every stamp being used on soldiers' mail. (Now listen) "Although none of these stamps have yet come upon the market, it is understood that some errors exist in certain values, such as double surcharges, etc." Great Britain is certainly working the English collectors to a frazzle with queer issues. It looks like from this distance. You cannot trust them at all as far as unused stamps are concerned. They demonitize their old issues. All stamps with Queen Victoria's head on them have been demonetized. It is a shame. It is safe to say that the loss sustained by this act will run into many thousands of

dollars. I have come to the conclusion that I am not going to collect any more unused Great Britain or English coloneis.

Ewen's Weekly for April 29, 1916, has a full sheet of late German Kamerun. 10 pf. stamps overprinted C. E. F. 1d., the complete sheet in error doubly surcharged, which they claim is the greatest philatelic rarity of all war stamps—deliver me. The issue of April 8, 1916, has the first page filled with the same kind of news. It surely seems to me that the English collectors would be getting tired of all of these war provisionals; seems that a few are. There has been some local comment in the English Philatelic Press wondering, as I wondered, what they wanted to issue those high value Naura stamps for. The reason to me is obvious—to sell to that great and patient army of unused English colony collectors, then after awhile demonetize them. For precedent, look at Transvala.

#### MONTHLY NOTES ON FISCALS. By Joseph C. Zanini.

A broker who is a stamp "fan" had occasion to buy recently for use in the course of his business a sheet of the \$2 value documentary revenues of the current series and was surprised to find that the stamps were printed in very pale color resembling pink, certainly a remarkable difference from the custom-ary color.

A clerk in the office of a well known financial house in New York recently found a pair of the \$3 brown of the 1898 series part perforated in going over old files of the firm of the Spanish-American war period.

I was shown at the last meeting of the N. Y. Philatelic Exchange Society the 10 cent value of the 1914 Issue of New York state revenues with surcharge inverted. This variety has been heretofore unknown.

Those old favorite match and medecine revenues are becoming scarcer and scarcer to find in collectable conditions as the years go by, and their recent boom in the auction market is certainly justifiable.

#### Foreign Revenues

Although the United States does not countenance the conducting of lotteries in this country, still many foreign governments permit them to be run. I have just received from a correspondent down in Rio Janeiro a set of four values of the following denominations as a tax on lotteries: 100 reis, red; 300 reis, yellow; 400 rels, blue, and 100 reis, green; issued 1915.

The first issue of Chinese revenue stamps appeared in 1809, of five values; there is now just beginning to appear a new set, oblong in shape, showing a portion of the great wall of China in an oval as the chief feature of the design; values at hand are 2c, green; 10c, carmine.

Forbin fails to list a 2 pesos, brown, of Guatemala, Sello de Beneficencia, issued 1904, which does, however, exist,

Ye writer made a big strike recently in stamps, when he obtained from a paper stock company over eight tons of correspondence, including both postage and revenue stamps of one of the greatest exporting and importing houses in the world.

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# CROSS



PHILATELY IN EUROPE.-Exclusive Correspondence of Philatelic West.

General notice is being issued that all stamp-collectors should be careful to note at the present time the 11/2d King George Stamp of New Zealand. The use of this stamp has increased enormously owing to the war tax on letters originating in the Dominion, a single 11/2d stamp serving to pay the postage together with the half-penny war tax. Owing to the greatly increased demand for this stamp arrangements were made to substitute a surface-printed (typographed) stamp for the recessplate printed stamp of the original isue, surface printing allowing of more rapid production. Before the new plates could be prepared a new printing was necessary from the plates engraved in recess, and the stamp was printed on a small stock of paper which was left over from the old large pictorial stamp issue, This temporary issue was speedily superseded by a surface printed stamp, similar in design to the engraved stamp, but very much cruder in appearance. The portrait of the king is extremely poor and unsatisfactory, and it is clearly a local production, and not the stamp from the surface-printing die and plates ordered from London. So the first surface-printed 11/4 dt stamp in the King George series is likely to be in use for a short time only, until the stamp-printing department at Wellington can receive the plates which have been ordered from Perkins, Bacon and Company, Ltd., the firm which procured the original dies and plates for the King George stamps of New Zealand.

Mr. Melville savs that the 11/2d engraved stamp on the old paper may prove to be rather scarce, and in any case it will be worth while watching which of the several vearities of recent 11/2d stamps are overprinted for the various dependencies, viz., Samoa, Aitutaki, Niue, and Penrhyn Islands. The mail last week brought the first of the King George stamps, the 1s. overprinted for use in the former German colony of Samoa.

Following close upon the new (and already obsolete) British issue of stamps for the Levant, there is news of a set of three French Levant stamps overprinted "Ile Rouad", for use in an island with about fifteen hundred inhabitants, off the coast of Syria, now in the occupation of French troops. A decre, signed by M. Poincare on March 22nd, extends the privileges of the French Internal and Colonial Postal Tariff to this island, and the authorities on the spot have had the French Levant stamps, of the deaominations of 5, 10 and 25 centimes, overprinted with a hand stamp reading downwards. "He Rouad." In sams serfic capitals.

Since Italy issued her Red Cross stamps last November, the internal postage rates have been raised, and the 15-centesimi rate is now 20 centesimi. The slate-colored stamp of the Italian Red Cross, with a postal value of 15c, and a Red Cross contribution of 5c, was provisionally surcharged to denote a 20c postal value. There is now a definite 20x5c stamp in the same design (the Italian Eagle and the Arms of Savoy), but printed in orange. This new stamp will be overprinted in due course for issue in the Italian colonies and protectorates.

Collectors of war stamps should be on their guard against forgeries of the war provisional stamps issued for the British occupation of Bushire. Some of these are being distributed from Persia at prices which are even higher than the current prices for the genuine stamps in London. For instance, one Tauris merchant offers the 1 to 24 shahl stamps, which Stanley Gibbons quotes at an average of 15s each, at the substantial figure of £1 each. In the same consignment is a set with an additional overprint reading "Chancellorie" in script type in black. This quite unauthorized addition to the stamps raises their value in this willy merchant's price list to £20 each! These Bushire provincials should only be purchased from reliable dealers.

In January there appeared a new set of the Belgian parcel-post stamps. The new issue was necessitated by the fact that large quantities of the old parcel-post stamps had been looted by the invaders, and it had been desirable to demonetize the previous issue. It is now reported in the French philatelic press that prior to the issue of the twenty denominations in the new design a provisional or temporary issue was prepared by overprinting the Belgian postage stamps of the 1912-13 issue with the Belgian State Rallway device, a winged wheel, and the inscription "Chemins-de-Fer-Spoorwegen." There is very little information as to the use of these provisional stamps and the French dealers have so far failed to obtain even small supplies of them. They cannot have been extensively used, for posting parcels. So they may posaibly be among the rarities of the war provisionals. The values reported are the 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 40 and 50 centimes, 1, 2, and 3 francs.

#### NOTES FROM EUROPE

#### BY J C. F. AUFDER HEIDE, S. H. D.

These times are very bad for us stamp dealers. How many letters, how much money, how many stamps were lost in the last two years. The German manner of war, under the sea not at sea, is the cause of many a heavy loss. The mines laid by different countries, claim also a high number of marked ships.

\* The most disagreeable thing, however, is that only after a long interpose, one knows what is lost and what is not. So only, after writing to and fro, I got an answer from an American correspondent, that may letter with greenbacks, had been lost with the "Arabic." After several months,

you hear that a lot of letters and money orders were lost with the "Koningin Emma" (Queen Emma) which fine ship coming from the Dutch East Indies was sprung by a mine in the North Sea.

Two weeks ago, I heard of a letter addressed to my firm by a correspondent in Abyssinia, had been lost with the "Viele de Ciotat," which ship was torpeded in the Mediterranean.

Today comes the news of another great and heavy loss to the Dutch Commercial Marine. One of our finest ships, one of the two greatest, which leave the Amsterdam harbor, the "Tubantia," a flashing hotel, one of the most luxurious in the world, a ship of the Hollandsche Lloyd, which company sends out every two weeks such a fine ship to Rio de Janerio and Buenos Aires, has been torpedoed by a German undersea boat, while lying still by the fire-ship, North-Hinder, in the North Sea.

How many letters with stamps have been lost by this new rude attack of neutral stihps on the high seas? All mail was lost. Not a single man, woman or child was drowned. It is these times that you feel your nerves, that the old Dutch blood which sent a Tromp and a De Ruyter to sea, not yet has become milk. All the people are wild with ruge.

When this letter is printed in "The West," you in America will know all about this shameful deed, and it is unnecessary and takes too much time to write, in this place, more about it.

Another thing which brings many difficulties to stamp dealers in this country is that since eight days all imports of luxuries is forbidden in Germany. No art, no siths, no coins, no stamps may be sent to this country, and as there were a great many dealers, as well as in Holland and Switzerland and Scandinavia, who sent much to Germany, this well be a heavy loss for them.

In the meantime, stamps bring very high prices at all auctions. As this year not a new stamp catalogue was issued, people think they can pay for good copies of rare stamps, two or three times the price quoted in stamp catalogues of 1915, and these high prices are easily obtained. Some reports about stamp auctions from Paris—this morning I received an auction catalogue from Vienna.

"K. K. Versteigerungsamt. Dorotheum. Wien. 261. Kunstauktion VII Briefmarker-Auktion zwefer Europa-Sammlungen aus Privat Cesitz hievon eine aus dem Nachlasse des k. u. k. Hof-Kumshandlers. Heinrich L. Naumann.

A very important auction of three days, March 22, 23, 24. Six sheets in electrotype are bound in the book. Among the rarest stamps are a Bavaria 1 kr. black, unusued; old Brunswick, Bremen; Old Gibraltar, Great Britain, £5; Hamburg, Oldenburg, Hannover, Lubeck, Mecklenburg, ½ Tornec Napels, Sweden, 3 and 6 sh., Canco. old Moldavia, Basel, dove, Zurich, old fine Spain, Toshama, Wurtenburg 18 kr., first edition; 10 kr. blue, used and unused; Fohr, two unused copies, etc. It will be of the highest interest to all philatelists to know these prices which these stamps will attain at auction in this country. When traveling was not se very, very uneasy and dangerous there would be a fine occasion for a Dutch stamp dealer to get some bargains. The auction crown, which in normal times, is equal to 50 cents Dutch, now only stands at cents. That is more than 54 per cent off.

Philatella is growing in the neutral countries. I have on my desk No. 3, March 5, 1916, Volume I, Number 3 of "Jddsk Frimaerheibad," published by that enterprising stamp dealer, N. S. Nedergaard, of Skive, Denmark, Write him for a specimen copy; he will gladly send you one.

The first number of the 19th year of "Madrid Filabellco," that very sympathetic Spanish paper, comes to us in another cover. As there is very little traffic from Spain to other European countries in these war times, Mr. Clalves thought it better to drop the railway engine from the cover, as well as the steamer, for fear of torpedoing. The new cover is type-set; is black and green, and makes a pleasant impression. The paper on which the reading matter is printed is much better than formerly. All this leads to the belief that philatelle enters a good time in Spain.

Yours for peace,

J. C. AUFDER HEIDE, S. H. D

What about Christopher Columbus? Dead, you say? Miss, my man, Living and prospering as a stamp dealer in Milano. Eating and enjoying maccaroni and Chianti. Selling stamps in his leisure. Ask for his price list. Do the man who discovered America a pleasure. His exact address is Via Ruzgero Boscorich, No. 4.

As you may happen to know, all import of postage stamps in Germany is forbidden now. Postage stamps are a luxury, and money can be employed better. So you see but very few advertisements of stamp dealers in foreign countries in German advertising sheets; only ads by which one asks to buy stamps.

A new set of postage stamps will appear for Belgium, under the German government.

I have received No. 5 of Mr. Nedergaards "Jydsk Fumaerkblad," published by Mr. N. S. Nedergaard, Skive, Denmark. A good paper for those who want relations in Scandinavian countries.

Some days ago I bought a few sets of banknotes expressly printed for the prisoners of war in Germany. There must exist a good deal more than I have, as I have only those of two camps, Konigstein and Chemnitz.

The complete set consists of four different values, 1, 2, 5 and 10 pfennigs, or in American money, 34, 1-12, 2 and 4 cents. Of those for Konigstein I have only the 1, 2 and 5 pfennigs. Inscription: Kriegsgefangenellager Festung Konigstein a. d. Elbe. Der Inhaber dieses Guetscheines erhalt gegen Ruckgabe desselben von der kasse des Kriegsgefangenenlagers den Betrag von der EIN PFENNIG ausbezahlt. Dieser Schein gilt nur innerhalb des Lagers. Konigstein a. d. Elbe. 1 Oktober, 1915. (Prisoners of War Camps, Fortress Konigstein a. d. Elbe. 1 Oktober, 1915. (Prisoners of war camp, bearer is paid the amount of 1 pfennig. This note is only available in the camp.) I can trade these notes for Confederate notes or other South American notes, for my private collection.

Two well known European philatelists have left this world: Mr. Johan K. Koning, the expert on Dutch and Dutch colonial stamps, and Mr. Enrique Laso, one of the foremost dealers in Madrid, Spain.

Beware of Nauru stamps. This surcharge was specially made for the administrator of this former German colony. Overprinted in London, and sold—let me hope, nowhere.

I notice in my country, the fact that collectors return to the collecting

The last auction of Mr. Gilbert in Paris brought 25,500 francs (\$5,000.) The last auction of Mr. Born, in Amsterdam, brought 13,000 guilden (\$5,500.)

All stamps were sold at high prices, near to catalogue and over. How will prices be after the war? Now in these bad times, stamps bring prices as never heard of, so when the war is over and prosperity appears again, prices must rise enormously.

J. C. AUFDER HEIDE, S. H. D.

#### OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

## HAROLD S. POWELL, LEADER OF UNIQUE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION WITH HEADQUARTERS IN STORM LAKE, FIGURES IN ROMANCE.

Harold S. Powell, of Storm Lake, head of the World Wide Mission, a religious organization, and Miss Josephine Hughes, of Ida Grove, today eloped to Sioux City. Frank L. Foster, a friend of Mr. Powell, accompanied him to the courthouse to obtain a marriage license.

Mrs. Powell is the daughter of a wealthy Ida County farmer, while Mr. Powell is the chief executive of the mission, which has branches in 136 countries and colonies. The religious work is maintained by the sale of cancelled postage stamps from the colonies where the mission has its branches.

Natives are employed to gather the stamps of their country, and they are shipped to the United States to be disposed of to collectors. Stamp shipments are made by the carload. The mission has a convent at Lebatha, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell will be at home at Storm Lake after July 1st.

Hugo Meyer, a German by birth, who has been for many years with leading stamp concerns in Europe and in the United States is a consistent booster in the progressive stamp trade.

He was former writer of the N. E. Philatelist, an expert on postage stamps, Vice-President of the National Philatelic Society, Secretary of the Portland Philatelic Society, also Counterfeit Detector and Auction Manager for the society and a member of most leading Philatelic societies on earth.

Is a member of patriotic and social societies and has been interested in stamps since his boyhood.

Has been almost continually in the stamp trade and has attended international Stamp Exhibitions in Europe, also the first International Stamp Exhibition held in the United States.

He has seen many conventions and stamp exhibitions abroad as well in the United States. Acted as judge at the last stamp and coin exhibition held at Lynn. Mass. He has visited Post Office Museums and Government Printing Offices abroad as well as in the United States. Mr. Meyer corresponds in several languages.

He is interested in rarities, curiosities of stamps and especially of early Europeans. He is now a permanent stamp dealer and resides at 71 Spring St. Portland, Maine,

Walter Cox Green was born in Portland, Me. March 15, 1866 and was educated in Nichol's Private Latin School, Boston, Mass., for Harvard College and entered in 1885, and was graduated in 1889, with the degree of A. B. He spent the next three years in the Harvard Divinity School from which he was graduated in 1892, with the degrees of B. D. and A. M. He spent the next seven years in the Unitarian ministry in Manne and in Massachusetts. Then he spent a year at the New York State Library School, Albany, N. Y. and then spent four years in the old Astor Library, New York City Eleven years ago he became the Librarian and Secretary of the Faculty, of the Meadville Theological School, Meadville, Pa. He was fond of playing cards when young, but in later life had not much time for it and has instead, spent some time in making a collection of playing cards, now numbering over one hundrel and seventy-five packs all different from each other and from the ordinary packs used every day. There are German, French, Spanish, Italian, Japanese and Chinese cards, together with English and American cards. Two souvenir playing cards is good and the list is as follows. He is pleased to help with advice any one who wishes to start a collection and would like to hear from collectors having duplicates to exchange, or from persons who have old or odd packs to

William Lycett, Vice-President of the S. P. A., is a candidate for re-election. He has faithfully, intelligently, and conscientiously performed the duties of the office the past year, and seeks re-election on his record. The work done by him on the 1916 Year Book is certainly as fine a showing as ever made, and should be appreciated by the members. Mr. Lyrett is an out-andout collector. He collects for the pleasure and benefit to be derived therefrom, and is not a dealer. He has the interest of his fellow collectors at heart, while recognizing the rights and interests of the dealers. He has ever been ready to assist the younger collectors by material, ald and advice. He is in the prime of life mature, energetic, well educated, and well read. He stands high in faternities, being a Veteran of three of the largest in the country. He is prominent in New York City printing circles, actively connected for thirty years with the New York Typographical Society, of which he is an Ex-President. He is a manager of the Brooklyn Mutual Building and Loan Association, and Secretary of the War Veterans and Sons' Association of the U. S. A., meeting in Borough Hall, Brooklyn. He is a member of the A. P. S., S. P. A. N. P. S., M. P. A., and the Texas Philatelic Society, besides being Secretary of the Brooklyn Stamp Society, of which he was one of the organizers He has the uannimous indorsement of Brooklyn Branch, No. 4, of the S. P. A., which appeals to their fellow members to reward efficiency and ability by retaining Mr. Lycett as Vice President of the S. P. A.





Hugo Meyer, Portland, H. S. Powell, Storm Maine... See his Ad. Lake, Ia... See his Ad.





Luther Tuthill, Paper Money Dealer...See his Ad.

.P. Fox, Ambrose, North Dakota,



Nebraska Ola found near Falls City,



Some of the Brnecklein Collection of Kansas City, more in Next Issue.



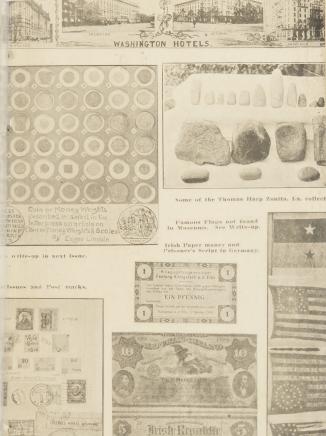
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E. T. Wallis, Exchange Supt. of S. P. A.

# ART, ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTIQUES. EDITED BY MRS. TUTTLE, OSAGE, IOWA.

In a letter just received, May 21, at the University Museum in Philadsiphia, Dr. Clarence W. Fisher, director of the Eckley B. Coxe, Jr., expedition, reports finding a palace next to the Temple of Moses along the Nila The new palace promises remarkable discoveries. It appears that it ones was destroyed by fire, for several chambers thus far reached, one of which is believed to have been the throne room, show evidence of having been scorched. Dr. Fisher discovered many valuable objects, in whathe believes was the throne room. Among the findings were gold earrings, necklaces, several bronze lamps and a bronze wheel, evidently from a chariot. The most important find was several doorways in the finest style of architecture, one inlaid with farince work and one with gold.

Robert T. Lincoln has presented to the Ficke university in Nashville, Tenn., a Bible which was presented to his father, Abraham Lincoln, in 1884 by the negroes in Baltimore.

Mr. Will Martin, of Nashua, Iowa, who is an adept at finding Indian, as what relies, picked up an ox shoe at Nashua, May 21, at the southeast corner of the city park.

Nearly 100 years ago, a small boy who was attending Westminster school, discovered a hole in the decaying tomb of Richard II. Reaching into the hole, he drew out what proved to be the monarch's jawbone. When he showed it to his schoolmates, the monitor boxed his ears for the act of descration, but kept the relic for his own collection. It was placed on a plush mount, under a glass case and properly labeled. When the tomo was renovated, the loss was discovered. King Edward became personally interested and the bone was replaced.

Mr. L. L. Wilson, of Center Point, Iowa, died May 10, 1516. His collection of war curios, it is said, was second to none in the United States. Mr. Brodstom tells us that Mr. Wilson found that his advertisements in the West brought him far better returns than in the 1,056 new-papers he had patronized. His collection was written up for the West last v.ar.

The writer has recently come into possession of perhaps the oldest hat in a private collection. It is one of those white affairs worn by missionaries and white people in the tropics. This hat has inscribed inside: "M. L. Woodard, June 30, 1859," and belonged to her father's eldest brother, who in those days was a sea captain, living in Boston, but trading with China, Japan and the islands of the Pacific.

Joseph A. Willard, of Delmar Township, near Philadelphia, Pa., has an ancient carved ivory snuffbox. On the cover is inscribed: "Susanna Willard, 1366." This heirloom is said-to-have come over in the Mayflower and has been in the Willard family for 600 years.

May 8th, in Washington, D. C., in a local fewelry store was exhibited for sale the famous diamond brooch which Ismaii, khedive of Egypt, presented to Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman in 1875. The brooch contains 102 diamonds, the largest over five karats, and several weighing over four. The setting is in gold and platinum.

The Cattrolina-Lam-Lambert Art sale of recent date, brought a grand total of \$396,210. The highest price was \$8,100, paid by Otto Bennet, agent, for a portrait of the Marchioness of Rockingham, that the catalogue as-

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cribed to Francis Cotes, but which Cattrolina Lambert believed to be a Reynolds. Other high prices were \$1.100, paid by K. Gilchrist for Titan's "The Dead Christ," \$4,000, by M. Meinhard for Tintorettes" "Marriage of St. Catherine;" \$3,100, by Livingston Pheips for Santis "Holy Family;" \$2,800 by Berrick, agent, for Uuton's "The Toast," \$2,250 by Hugh a Murray for Rommey's "Portrait of a Lady."

The Brooklyn Institute bought "The Madonna Enthroned" by Luinf, for \$33,500 at the final session of the Lambert Art sale. This is called the greatest picture ever offered in America at a public sale. Andrea del Sartos "Holy Family" went to W. W. Seaman, agent, for \$27,000, although Lambert paid \$70,000 for the Bottlicelli's "Madonna and Child," it went to Berrick, agent, for \$22,000.

Ishi, the last of the Stone Age Indians and last of the Yahi tribe, died In April in the hospital of the University of California. He was found five years ago, and since has been under the observation of professors of anthropology at the museum. When found, he was thin, hungry and clad only in a night shirt, four miles from Orville. He was first placed in the insane ward of the county jail, until the scientists heard of him, and since then has been under their surveillance. He was probably about 60 years of age.

Workmen excavating for a basement at Sioux Falls, S. D., uncovered the remains of a mastodon. The "find" embraces bones of what evidently was an animal large enough to have been the grandfather of all elephants, teeth 10 inches long and from 3 to 4 inches square, and a curving tusk 10 inches in diameter at the base and more than 6 feet long.

A learned lawyer in Washington, D. C., W. H. Babcock, at a recent meeting of the International Congress of Americanists, read a paper in which he admitted that the Irish preceded the Norsemen in landing on the shores of America. It is not remarkable in the light of what we are learning of the little burial mounds that studded the lake region, that remains of a pre-Columbian. European influence should be found there.

The Chicago Tribune of June 2nd, states that the jade idol that was stolen two years ago from Dr. Sun Yat Sen, has been located. Ten thousand dollars was offered in fifty American newspapers for its return. Alliston Crowley, of Washington, D. C., says that it was stolen by agents of Yuan Shi Kai in China, with a view to destroying Dr. Sen Yat Sen's powerful influence over his followers.

"Goldstone," 'a favorite curio found, made into fobs, pins or rings, is a manufactured glass, and is not a stone. It is made by the fusion of reddishborous glass paste and oxide of copper. The process consists in melting the glass mass, and, at a given state of liquefaction, pouring in the oxide. All holes and entrances in the furnace are then hermetically closed and the crucible is left inside for about ten days or a fortnight. When it is judged to be thoroughly cooled, the furnace is opened and the product extracted.

Odd Find in Pecos Ruins.—In the Pecos ruins of New Mexico, the explorer found a stone fetish carved in representation of a bear. Inlaid, were the eyes of turquoise, and an arrow was tied upon the image's back. These stone fetishes usually are found in the ruins of ancient pueblos and formed to represent the bear, the prairie-dog, or the mountain-lion. In prehistoric times, these images were carved of stone; in later years, made of clay and burned as pottery.



#### M. N. BUNKER, EDITOR, Colby, Kansas.

There are constant discussions about which are the six most popular novels witten by English authors. Every once in awhile an English professor in some eastern school, or some newspaper, anxious to secure filler, starts a discussion, and of course each group thus evolved is different from all others, because the interests of different classes of readers create a radically different mental sentiment. Following we publish a list resulting from the "findings" of the New York Times. We believe that this list will differ from those our readers would make, and we want you to make up a list of the six you consider the best, and we will file and publish in the findings of our department as soon as possible. Make your list on a post card if you care to instead of writing a letter. Following "is a list of the six best novels in the English language, according to twenty-eight American and English provelists":

"Vanity Fair," by William Makepiece Thackeray.

"Tom Jones," by Henry Fielding.

"David Copperfield," by Charles Dickens.

"The Scarlet Letter," by Nathaniel Hawthorne,

"Robinson Crusoe," by Daniel Defoe.

"Ivanhoe," by Sir Walter Scott,

or

"Lorna Doon," by R. D. Blackmore.

"Tess of the D'Urbervilles," by Thomas Hardy,

"Tristram Shandy," by Laurence Sterne.

That ought to settle it. It remains now only for an enterprising publisher to issue an edition de luxe of the six or the nine and put it out as two feet—solid feet—of the world's greatest fiction. Incidentally, teachers of English literature in colleges, high schools and boarding schools will now know what to do. So will the students. Older persons can test their fiction efficiency by checking off on the list those that they have read. Others can bring their score up to 100 by getting the novels at once and reading them.

There is one thing about the list, however, that many arouse skepticism. Not one of the twenty-eight named one of his own products. That is not natural. It begets suspicion. It calls into question the sincerity of the list. To have made it more human, less uncannily self-abjuring, would have proved more convincing. Balance was needed. George Bernard Shaw should have had a vote.

However, it is a good list. Every book on it was a best seller in its day—which does not mean that every best seller today is entitled to equal respect and regard. And all the stories are interesting. They will be read both with pleasure and profit. And not the least of their merit is the fact that they are, of course, entirely conclusive and definite. The thing is settled.

#### RARE ARMS COLLECTION GIVEN TO PHILADELPHIA

(Continued from last Issue.)

The arms collection shows the steady development of the firearms used in this country from the earliest times, when the old finitic cks were used down to the most modern automatic movements. One of the most remarkable of the early types is one made in 1583, an old Albanian flintlock pistol, with a beautifully inials dilver but.

Conspicuous among the old-time guns is a series of sea guns, one of which has had a remarkable history through the war of 1812. This old piece has a place of honor in the collection, and is at once noticed because of its odd mechanism and its generally dilapidated appearance, which speaks for its hard and trying service.

Placed according to their age or in conjunction with other arms used in certain battles, the guns, pistols, rifles, etc., are arranged in heavy mahogany cases, each accompanied by a card telling its age, the actions it was in and something of its history. In one case on the west side of the apartment are several hundred guns, demonstrating the evolution in this particular department of arms. On the other side are the rifles and pistols, coming down in spacession from the early pattern of the sixteenth century used in this country by the Spanish, many of them bearing the names of well-known generals.

Among these is a 69-caliber pistol, 21½ inches long, made in 1583, the first pattern of a flintlock made, with the various kinds of guns and bullets used with them and the various kinds of dumdums.

#### Knives of Head Hunters

All these are interesting to the historian and the fancier of arms and relics, but there are souvenirs in the collection which appeal strongly to the casual visitor. Among these are the knives of the old head hunters, who cut off the heads of their victoms as trophies; an antique hunter's powder horn, General devil'a's French spurs and an old French flintlock pistol, used in the war of American independence by an officer under LaFayette.

It one of the cases are a number of old helmets and body guards—three from Germany, one from England and one which flies the Uhlans' flag. Near these is a fine collection of Napoleon sahers and cutlasses used in a number of European wars. There are strange sahers used in the Philippines; dress sahers used by European armies at various periods; rifles of Scaliber used to shoot the Indians in the west; several ancient Spanish machetes captured in Cuba during the Spanish-American war; an old German Hirschfanger hunting kinfle used in the Franco-Prussian war; a primitive Philippine bolo-knife, and war implements taken from caves in Egypt and supposed to be meny centuries old, and the terrible Malay "kris."

Long Algerian daggers festoon one corner of the room and relies of various kines from Africa and Asia fill one entire case. There is a sword used by Frederick the Great, a leather helmet worn by Kaiser Wilhelm I, a rifle carried by Napoleon Bonaparte and a Revolutionary sword carried by General Wayne. Among the artistic specimens of arms are a Turkish dagger 200 years old with a brass-chased scabbard and an ebony handle, a Japaness short sword with handle wrapped in gelden damask covered with slik braid in a lacquered scabbard and a British helmet of felt, used by a captain of the Nottinghamshire volunteers in the Boer war.

The other curios in the collection are equally interesting, showing won-derful mineral specimens and relics of ancient times. One of the latter is the statue of a Japanese idol, fourteen inches high, brought from Yokohama by Lieuwanant Reed, of the navy, in 1854, in the Commodore Perry expedition, and preented to Mrs. Mary Donegan, and by her to Dr. Griggs. This idol is known to be at least 800 years old.

An interesting souvenir of the early hitory of the country is a pair of Sienna marble candlesticks, which were on the table in Independence hall at the signing of the Declaration of Independence. They were for years the property of Roger Sherman, one of the signers, and were presented to Dr. Griggs by his niece, Miss Julia Sherman. There are a host of souvenirs of the early fathers of the country, including a silver fruit knife used by General LaFayette while living in this country.—Clipping sent by C. L. Crawford.

### INTEREST IN COLLECTION IS RENEWED BY LAST REVOLT

The latest disastrous attempt to establish the independence of Ireland has refreshed local interest in the coin and currency collection of A. A. Leve, exhibited several times in local banks. The collection contains several specimens of currency harking back to the last previous attempt to set Ireland free, the Fenian movements of the late 60's. As in the latest event, money "the sinews of war," was not lacking among the Fenians.

The currency was issued to finance an attack of Fenians on Canada to embarrass Great Britain into relinquishing her hold on the Emerald isle. Notes, redeemable six months after the independence of the Irish nation became established were issued in several denominations, \$5, \$10 ,and \$20, notably, represented in the local man's collection.

John O'Mahony, called agent of the Irish Republic, signed the promissory roses. In the end they turned out to be merely receipts of contributions to a cause lost for time.

Many to whom they were issued saved them as souvenirs of a passage in international history and a chapter in the story of Ireland. Others lost track of their notes, and one instance is chronicled in a clipping saved by Mr. Leve, of a man being arraigned in police court for passing one for \$5 in a grocery store.

### Bills Are Picturesque

The bills are picturesque, with engraved reproductions of likenesses of Irish patriots, notably Robert Emmet and Theobald Wolftone. Most of them were dated March 17th, 1866 or 1867, St. Patricks' day being regarded then as now as the fittest day for the inception of Irish undertakings. All bear symbolic cuts showing the spirit of Ireland, represented by a woman holding a harp, pointing over the seas to America, to inspire an Irism soldier bending before her and reaching for his sword. A dog, representing domestic peace, watches the scene. The borders are in vivid green. The \$20 note shown here is twice as wide as an American dollar bill of today and half again as long.

In passing, comment is worthy to the effect that in the Fenian movement, as in the more recent attempt at Irish freedom, plans were conceived well in advance and backed with spirit in America. Bold as they were in conception and swift in execution, they failed because of a predominance of forces opposed.

#### AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CURIO COLLECTORS.

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COMBINED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COLLECTORS UNION An international Society organized Jan. 1 1901 for the purpose of Jointa very control and combines the following societies towit: international Stamp Club Kosmopolit Exchange, Kansas Philatelic Society, Stamp Collectors' Protective Association of America. The "Fad" Souvenir Caril club and the Pan-American Association of America, The "Fan Souvenir Card Club and the Fan-Americas Souvenir Card Club. Our official organ is the PHILATELIC WEST. Subscription price is U. S. A. 76 cents and foreign \$1.00.

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We are happy to say that the entire club known as the St. Clair Collectors Club of Belleville, Ill., has been united with the A. S. of C. C. Their names will appear in due time in the secretary's report. We are heartily glad to welcome these people and trust that the relatives may be both pleasant and

Mr. Luther B. Tuttle of South Creek, Beaufort Co., N. C. in joining the reorganization society, says that it is purely a matter of sentiment, he having been one of our first, best and much loyal members.

We hope mext month to record still greater progress.

Yours for service,

F. MAY TUTTLE.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nichlas Nichol, 311 S. Sangamon, Lincoln, Ill. Fossils.

Wm. Jarrett, 818 Southern Ave., South Williamsport, Pa. Small firearms and Indian relics.

Lieut. Col. Ernest F. Wurtele, Box 341, Quebec, Canada.Stamps, Prop. Brodstone.

Mahlon Palmer, 200 Ferguson St., Charles City, Iowa. Fossils, Indian relics. Prop. by Pres.

Arthur G. Colley, c-o City Hall N., 302, Portland, Oregon. Curios.

169. Mrs. Luella Mackenzie, Moulton, Iowa, hand painted and historic Blue china. Indian relics, chess goods, etc. Prop. Mrs. Tuttle.

169. Carrol Lave Fenton, 409 St. Charles St., Charles City, Iowa. Fossils, shells, curios, minerals insects, etc., Prop. Mrs. Tuttle.

Dr. Daniel Sickler, Ogden, Iowa. Indian relics. Prop. Mrs. Tuttle.

Dr. C. A. Hurd, Northwood, Iowa, Collects everything except money and stamps. Prop. Mrs. Tuttle.

Every cent spent with our ads will make a better paper for you. Be sure and mention the WEST when writing all Advertisers.

#### A KOLUMN FOR KANSAS KOLLECTORS. By George J. Remaburg.

A silver medal bearing a French inscription, and as near as can be deciphered, the date 1230, was found on a farm near Highland recently. The farm on which it is found used to be the site of an Indian town and the medal may have been lost by early French traders or missionairies.

H. Grosse, of Jamestown, has a watch that has been in the Grosse family for more than a century, Grosse's grandfather, a soldier in the German army obtained the watch in Paris. It has an 18-karat gold case fitted with a bulls-eye crystal. The works are entirely without jewels. It strikes the hours, two bells for the quarter hour, four for the half and six for the three-quarters. The watch is of ordinary size and weight but the mechanism is complicated and delicate. The mainsprings are connected by small chains instead of cogs for the time movement and striking apparatus. It winds with a key and pressure on the stem causes it to strike the hours and minutes.

Mrs. Adrian Holbert is said to be the best posted person in Atchison on birds, having made a study of the birds found in that locality.

What was probably the first telephone ever used in Doniphan county is now in the museum of the Severance High School. It is of very simple construction, the receiver and transmitter being one and the same. This instrument was made by our townsman, Thos. H. Franklin, about 1870, at which time he was a resident of Doniphan. It was made from instructions and drawings published in the Scientific American. The phone was used to connect Mr. Franklin's residence with the flour mill in Doniphan in which he was then interested. There was no bell to ring up a party on the other end, but residence and mill were conected by a telegraph whee, and when one wished to send a communication by phone, the party wanted was called by telegraph. The voice transmission in this old instrument was good, the phones being abut a quarter of a mile apart.

We feel that an apology is due our readers for the delay in issuing this muber of the West, but there are times when it is past human achievement to do as we wish. Superior was visited by its most disastrous fire a short time ago which so crippled our plant that it has been necessary to have all this issue set up out of town, by printers who are not familiar with this class of work and this together with a new linotype operator has had the "force" guessing whether it would appear. We hope to be able to resume the old routine in a short time and 1sk that you with-hold your complaints at least until after the hot weather.

Perhaps the largest collection of photographs held in the west belongs to Mr. H. W. Fay, of DeKalb, Ill. This collection is especially strong in photographs of Abraham Lincoln, the star plece consisting of the original negative of the cabinet size photo taken by McNulty, Springfield, Ill., 1861. This photograph is acknowledged to be the finest ever then of the martyred president, the price paid for the negative being in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

#### (SOUVENIR PLAYING CARDS)

The only disadayantage of these cards is that they are not very well adapted for ordinary playing as the views more or less distract the players. But the advantages are many, their compactness, their low price, their artistic appearance and their historical interest. They are compact as forty such packs will easily go into a box that will hold the Standard Dictionary. They are low in price, as the average price is now fifty cents, wheras ten years ore more ago, the price was \$1.00, being about the only thing that has fallen in value in recent years. They are artistic as the great majority of these souvenir playing cards are manufactured by the United States Playing Card Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, and as in the above case represent the high water mark of American modern playing card manufacture. They are of historical interest, as they have pictures of what may not be in existence a hundred years from now. I was surprised the other day in looking over my Boston pack to find that the pack has pictures of the old Gore Hall Library of Harvard university, Cambridge, Mass., and the old Boston Art Museum, both of which have been torn down. Two packs in my collection contain views of the buildings of the World's Fair, once the center of attention. They form a neat and nice little souvenir pack of views, compact, low in price and always of interest. It may surprise some reader to know that some packs have different editions, just like a book. Thus the Panama pack has some eight different editions and is to have a new edition. And, of course, it does not surprise any reader of this magazine to learn that some of the packs are no longer attainable. When it is known that usually an edition of at least ten thousand was printed at one time, one wonders where they have all gone But like pins, they seem to vanish and in after years are hard to obtain. Every card player knows that there are at least fifty different views in each pack, and when it is known that I have at least forty packs in my collection, it is easily seen that I have in small compass, some two thousand different views. Moreover in some cases a little pamphlet goes with the pack, the size of a card, telling in detail, about the views, and in some cases gives information, well arranged and valuable.

The following list is not a complete one of all the souvenir playing cards made in the las twenty years, but only those in my collection. I should be pleased to hear of any not in the list that I may buy, and am always glad to tell anyone about any pack in the following list. The amount of space given to this article does not permit my full description.

They may be arranged as follows:

1. Boston, Mass.

- 2. New York, old pack.
- 3. New York, new pack.
- 4. Washington, D. C., old pack.
- Washington, D. C., new pack.
   Portland, Me.
- Portland, Me.
   Portland, Ore.
  - Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 9. New Orleans.

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#### TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

San Antonio, Texas, May 20th, 1916.

Fellow Collectors:

Vacation time is now at hand, and I expect that many of us will lay our collections aside for the time being to spend the spare hours out in the open, with the result that we will take up our hobby again with renewed interest when the weather gets cooler.

Collectors should be "prepared" to enjoy the pleasures of collecting to the fullest extent when vacation times are over by association and acquaintances with other collectors. Join a good philatelic society now—become a member of the Texas Philatelic Association, and participate in its advantages and benefits.

After July 1st the dues for the remaining six months of the year will only be twenty-five cents, and we have no initiation fee. You cannot afford to miss such an opportunity of joining a live stamp society at so small a cost. Ask the secretary for application blank.

Fraternally yours,

EDWARD W. HEUSINGER,

President.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

San Antonio, Texas, May 20th, 1916.

#### APPLICATIONS

Frank B. Jancowski, 739 Hendrie Ave., Detroit, Mich.; 23; agent, "Polish Daily Zgoda." Proposed by H. S. Parsons.

O. R. Bertram, 2300 East Ave., Austin, Texas. Legal, Linotype operator, Proposed by H. C. Naschke.

Frank Caldwell, 108 East 17th St., Austin, Texas. 34, Traveling salesman, Proposed by H. C. Naschke.

A. J. Baroncini, 1119 Ave. K., Galveston, Texas. 27, Clerk. Proposed by T. E. Flick.

A. J. Mitula, Jr., 1628 Ave. H., Galveston, Texas. 21, Collector of Accounts, Proposed by T. E. Flick.

Carl G Nelson, 1020 Postoffice St., Galveston, Texas. 28, Bank Teller, Proposed by T. E. Flick.

W. F. Slusser, Fort Mills, Corregidor, Philippine Islands. Legal, Stamp Dealer. Proposed by Charles Roemer.

New Members Admittéel: 91, Percy B. Todd, Lincoln, England; 92, Howard M. Fry, Bethlehem, Pa.; 93, P. H. Cohn, Superior, Color; 94, E. W. Hayden, Cleveland, Ohio; 95, N. F. Beck, Bisbee, Ariz.; 96, J. M. Stanley, Galveston, Tex.; 97, Gino Marchi, Galveston, Texas; 98, K. J. Leffland, Victoria, Texas; 99, Oscar F. Swanson, Victoria, Texas.

Standing on Recruiting: Roemer, 20; Coryell, 14; Parsons, 14; Flick, 6; Heusinger, 2; and Naschke, 2; one each, Lauderdale, Dorchester, MasNutt and Brodstone. Total, 62.

Deceased: No. 25, O. D. Owen, San Diego, Cal. I am unable to give date or cause of Mr. Owen's demise, as letter addressed to him was returned marked "decased." We regret to hear of his death.

Change of Address: J. Delano Bartlett, General Deliver, Paris, Texas.

Finances: Current fund—Balance April 15th, \$22.54; dues received, \$4.00; total, \$36.84. Disbursements—Postage, \$1.00; index record cards, 20c; printer's bill for application blanks, leter heads, note heads and miscellaneous stationery, \$9.20; total, \$10.40. On hand, \$26.44. Permayent fund, \$145.32. Insurance fund of sales department, \$11.11. Total funds, \$152.54.

Members who are in arrears for their 1916 dues should remit before July 1st, as all delinquents will be dropped from the membership roll on that date.

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#### SALES' SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

May 24th, 1916.

|    | 43 books in circulation as per last month's report, value 15 books received since, value | \$<br>994.15<br>320.90 |
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|    | 58 books, value 12 books retired during the month, of which the amount                   | \$<br>1375.05          |
| 10 | \$92. 09 or 52 per cent was sold   | \$<br>176.73           |

46 Books in Circulation, value \$ 1138.32

The insurance on the twelve books retired amounted to \$1.77, which I have remitted to the Treasurer for credit to the Insurance Fund

I am desirous of having those members who are not receiving books at present, to send me orders to place their names on the circuit as it takes some time to get them on circuit.

Remember I have a plentiful supply of books with printed rules of the Department. They hold 120 stamps and cost 5c each.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. ROEMER, Sales Superintendent.

#### REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association was held at the rooms of the Scietnific Society in San Antonio, Texas, April 17th. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p. m. by President Heusinger, with the following members in attendance: Mrs. Schroeder and Messrs. Clem, Roemer, Hyde, Hefner, Schulz, Green and Parsons of San Antonio, Mr. S. B. Hopkins, of Laredo, Texas. and Mr. G. W. Coryell, of Boerne, Texas.

In opening the meeting President Heusinger said: "This is the twentieth annual meeting of our Association and as I believe there are probably only eight philatelic societies in the United States that have passed the twenty-year mark you will agree with me that we can feel quite proud of our Association closing its second decade.

"The Secretary, no doubt, will show in his report, the condition of the society, so I will not take up any of your time to speak about that.

"From a philatelic point of view, however, you will remember that at our

meeting a year ago I predicted we would have a thousand stamps to add to our collections as a result of the European conflict, a nd I believe that we have already reached over half that number of stamps issued directly on account of the War. In Mexico, too, the collectors have had a large variety of stamps to add to their collections.

"With the United States we have been no less fortunate, for, in addition to having the stamps of our country come perforated ten, we now get the news that all U. S. stamps will hereafter come perforated eleven. You probably also know that a new contract for the manufacture of the U. S. envelopes is let every four years. Such contracts call for a new watermark in the manufacture of the paper, and as a new contract was lately entered into, we now have the old die variety with a new watermark. This, I believe, will in time become quite scarce, as it has already been followed by a new design of the die.

"Thre is another matter I wish to bring up tonight, and that is with reference to our twentieth anniversary in November. It is true that this is our twentieth anniversary in November. It is true that this is our twentieth anniversary does not occur until November 13th. I would like to see for that occasion some sort of a celebration in the way of a large philatelic exhibition, followed by a banquet—something to make the occasion worth remembering—and I believe the time is not too far off for the new Executive Committee, which is to be elected tonight, by commence formulating plans for the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Association.

The Secretary then presented the following report:

"Our report this year shows a substantial increase in both the membership and financial condition of the Association, in fact probably the largest in any single year, as we now have more members and more funds than at any previous time in our history.

"The membership record is as follows: Members April 12th, 1915, 39, new members admitted 62, total 101. resigned 1, dropped for non-poyment of 1915 dues 10, present membership 90. Geographically, our members are located as follows: In San Antonio, 21, elsewhere in Texas 40, elsewhere in the United States 24, in foreign countries (Canada, England and New Zealand) 5, total 90, Regarding payment of current dues, we have only 19 members out of 90 whose 1916 dues are still unpaid. The figures on membership do not include nine applications now pending.

"At the meeting of the Executive Committee August 16th, 1915, 'The Philatelic West' was chosen as the Official Journal, and the first report appeared in November, 1915, this being the first time in many years that the proceedings of the Association have been published. A special rate of \$.25 per year is made

to T. P. A. members by the publisher, Mr. Brodstone.

"The membership list was revised last October, each of the forty-four members being given a consecutive number, based on the length of membership in the Association, and applications of new members have been numbered accordingly, commencing with No. 45. Credit for new members secured is given to the old members, and the standing in the recruiting work is published in our month reports in 'The West.' Membership cards were issued in November for the first time in several years, this matter not having been given the proper attention heretofore. I am also keeping a card index membership record, which will also include all prospective members and a record of the efforts made to induce them to join the Association. Over five hundred application blanks have been distributed, and the results have amply repaid for this expense. We will probably do a little advertising during the coming year.

"Our financial condition is as follows:

"Current Fund: On hand April 12th, 1915, \$5.58; 1915-1916 dues received from members and applicants for membership, \$56.50; 19 subscriptions for Official Journal at \$.25 each, \$4.75; total receipts, \$66.80. Disbursements: Postage, etc., \$11.18; stationery, application blanks, membership cards, etc., \$12.56; stenographic service \$1.75; insurance on library, \$1.81; or 10 subscriptions remitted to publisher of Official Journal, \$4.75; total disbursements, \$3.99; balance on hand, April 17th, 1916, \$32.84.

"Permanent Fund: On hand, April 12th, 1915, \$139.86; interest for six

meanths ending June 59th, \$2 71; Interest for six months ending December 31st, \$2.76; balned on hand April '7th, 1916, 315.88; The Permanent Fund represents the old Insurance Purch secumulated years ago, which has been converted state a fund which can be drawn upon only to make a temporary loan to be Insurance Fund in case of a loss in the Sales Department too large to be taken eare of by the Insurance Fund.

"Insurance Fund of the Sales Department: On hand April 12th, 1915, \$8.72; November 15th remittance from Sales Supt. Cryell, \$3.40; December 31st interest for one year, \$1.12; March 31st remittance No. 1 from Sales Supt. Roemer, \$2.11; April 14th, remittance No. 2 from Sales Supt. Roemer, \$7.6; belance on hand, April 17th, 1916, \$11.11.

"Total funds April 17th, \$1915, \$149.16; balance on hand April 17th, 1916, \$189.28; an increase of \$40.12. The funds are deposited in different San Antonio banks, the @Prmanent Fund and the Insurance Fund being in Savings Depts.

"On the whole the past year has been a notable one, and our future should be even greater if every membr will do his share in the work of the Ass'n."

The report of the Secretary was approved and accepted, with the thanks

of th Association for the attention bestowd upon his work.

"On account of not having a librarian during the past year, we have not been able to accomplish some of the things we set out to do, the most important of which was to complete the index and place a copy in each member's hands. This work will be done shortly. We have expended very little money on the library this year, owing to the fact that we had other expenses to meet. We purchased Scott's 1916 categoge and a pamphlet entitled "Who's Who in American Philately,' and subscribed for 'Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News' for one year, Mr. Hyde donated copies of Scott's 1894, 1897, 1901 and 1902 catalogues, and I personally donated a copy of the 1914 catlogue. I believe that a certain number of books should be purchased monthly, or a certain amount allotted for additions to the library, so that it will grow steadily. Members in San Antonio have patronized the library to some little extent, while some books have been loaned to the Austin and Galveston members, and the coming year will probably see a more general use of the library by all of the members."

The election of officers was next held, with the following result: Edward Heasinger, President; John L. Clem, Vice President; H. S. Parsons, Secretary-Treasurer; Charles Roemer, Sales Superintendent; and G. W. Coryell, fifth member of the Executive Committee, the other four members being the

officers of the Association.

Under new business, the Secretary brought up the subject of restoring the old form of organization of the Association, as it existed up to a few years ago, and establishing branch societies in different Texas cities, closing his remarks with a motion to this effect. An animated discussion ensued over the proposition, resulting in a substitute motion by Mr. Hopkins "that the Texas Philatelic Association, in this meeting, vote in favor of restoring the old state organization, or some similar organization, so that all members in the state will have full representation in the Association, and that Branches of the Association may be organized in the different cities, and that a committee be appointed to draw up a new Constitution and By-Laws incorporating in them the proposed changes, this report to be made at the Nevember meeting of the Association for approval or rejection by the vote of the entire Association.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Roemer and carried, and the President appointed the Committee mentioned in the motion as follows: Schulz, Hyde and Green of San Antonio; Flick, of Galveston, and Heilig of New Braunfels; with

the President and Secretary members ex officio.

There being no further business before the meeting, the balance of the evening was spent in examining President Heusinger's extensive collection of U. S. entire envelopes, and in looking over a specialized collection of recent Mexican stamps, post-cards and covers belonging to Mr. Hopkins, whos residence on the Mexican border has enabled him to secure many a choice variety of the revolutionary issues. Just before the close of the meeting a telegram was received from H. R. Hendricks, of Waxhachie, Texas, conveying his good wishes. The meeting was adjourned at eleven o'clock.

#### (Southern Philatelie Ass'n, continued)

D, C., and was called to order by the president.

Procent: Gorham, W. P. Celeman, Mason, Ballard, Calidell, General Clema. Clemens, Collins, Curtice, Dunkhorst, Fitzhugh, Hammelman, Hatzakordzian. Hungerford, Lantz, Leavy, Loeffler, Loomis, Loving, Robinson, Schmidt, Tracys. Wilson.

The president reported that the Poll's theater benefit last Monday night: well attended by the members, that 90 75c and 98 50c tickets had been, exchanged at the box office, the net amount of \$58.28 would revert to theotreasury of the branch for the entertainment fund for convention purposes; and that a number of tickets had been sold and not used, which would also be turned into the fund to entertain the visiting members during the convention to be held in Washington in August.

Committee on moving picture benefit reported progress and was continued.

Treasure H. B. Mason reported that a number of members had contributed;
on the voluntary card system of weekly contributions for the benefit of the
entertainment fund; that the largest amount of \$1.00 per week had been subscribed, and that other amounts had been paid in. One dollar and fifty cents.
was appropriated for printing the contribution cards.

The treasurer also submitted his report showing the various amounts in, the general, insurance and entertainment funds, which report was filed with, the secretary.

Likewise the sales manager, J. C. Wilson, submitted his report, which, showed considerable activity in the sales department, and that a number of circuits were still in circulation among the members.

Two applicants were elected to membership, and two applications for membership were received, one from Brig. General John L. Clem, U. S. A., ret., (known, throughout the United States as "The Drummer Boy of Ghickamauga"), and Mr. Norman S. Fitzhugh.

The committee on souvenir program reported that on account of high cost of production the elaborate program contemplated had been modified, and suggested that arrangements be made with H. B. Mason to take charge of the matter and produce a satisfactory program. Upon motion, made, seconded and carried, H. B. Mason was authorized to proceed with the program.

Mr. Hammelman, chairman of committee on badges, asked for instructions in reference to furnishing badges for the convention, which instructions were issued.

New Business—The president suggested that our ladies be invited to attend a meeting in our headquarters to consider the advisability of constituting themselves an auxiliary committee to entertain the visiting ladies and members during the convention, and to devise ways and means therefor. The president suggested that our headquarters could be used for a cuchre party for such purpose, accommodations being accessible for fifty or sixty euchreplayers. Upon motion the secretary was directed to send out notices in consection with this matter, also to send out "contribution cards" to those whose had not received them.

Moved, seconded and carried that a committee to consider the advisability of giving an excursion during the summer. Messrs. Ballard, Collins and Robinson were appointed as the committee, to report to the board of governors, with power to give excursion if found advisable.

Moved, seconded and carried, that a night, other than our regular meeting-

might, be designated to hold regular stamp auctions, to avoid congestion on our regular meeting nights, and that a committee be appointed to have charge of this matter. The following were appointed: Wilson, Loomis and Clemens.

General John L. Clem, U. S. A., retired, who is vice president of the Texas Philatelic Society, and who has just been elected commander-in-chief naval and Military Order Spanish-American War, honored us with his presence, and was called on to address the meeting at this time. He gave an interesting address and related many of his experiences as a philatelist.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Treasurer Harry B. Mason responded in a happy vein and welcomed the general as a member of Branch No. 5, and expressed the hope that he would attend the S. P. A. convention next August.

Mr. W. Hayden Collins received a vote of thanks for donations of a supply of interesting placards and visiting card racks.

Mr. Lantz donated a package of stamps, which he had counted, the one guessing nearest the number of stamps (at 10c per guess) to be awarded the stamps. Sales Mānager Wilson having guessed the nearest to the number was awarded the package, and the receipts were turned over to the entertainment fund. Mr. Wilson's guess was 3,333, while the package contained 3,423 stamps.

An auction sale was held and seventy-two lots of stamps were sold, after which the meeting was closed.

Note—The motto of Washington Branch No. 5 is "Welcome to Washington." The glad hand of welcome will be extended to all visitors at all times, more especially during the convention in August.

The president would like to have a list of those who expect to attend and would be glad to hear from all who will be present, at an early date, that suitable provisions may be made to entertain them.

Branch No. 5 has established permanent headquarters club rooms, offices and meeting place in conjunction with the Washington Philatelic Society, in rooms 718 and 719 Bond building, 14th street and New York avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

Library and reading room facilities have been established in addition to the above, and any who desire to forward philatelic publications, literature, and auction sales catalogues for the benefit of the members who drop around frequently are invited to send them to Branch No. 5, S. P. A., at the above address—or to

ALBERT E. GORHAM,

President

Iowa Members of S. P. A .:

You are to be congratulated on the success of the proposed plan to reorganize the lows Stamp Society as the first state branch of the Southern Philatelic Association. Your secretary is in receipt of a warrant dated at Perry, Ohio, the 18th day of March, 1916, and signed by the members of the executive committee and the board of trustees of the S. P. A., recognizing Iowa membership as branch No. 10.

Many members of the old I. S. S. are not members now. Why not bring them into the S. P. A. and I. S. S.? Let's all co-operate and put lows on the philatelic map as it should be. We now have twenty-six members. Look them up in the S. P. A. year book. Have you received a membership card? If not, write me for same.

A list of those nominated for office will appear in next issue. Send in your nominations now.

#### EXTRA S. P. A. APPLICATIONS.

2434. J. Richard Carr, 617 Union Ave., Petersburg, Va. 45, Traveling Salesman, Parke M. Lawrence.

2435. T. C.Taylor, 911 Franklin St., Wilmington, Del. 25, Mfg. Jno. Rice.

2436. E. B. Smith, 3627 N. Hampshire Ave., Washington, D. C. Legal, Engineer A. E. Gorham.

Pagineer A. E. Gorham. 2437. Wm. V. Mahoney, 623 Bond Buil., 1639 W St. S. E., Anacostia,

D. C. 40, Real Estate Dealer. A. E. Gorham. 2438. Antonio Losada, 1529 18 St. N. W., Washington, D. C. 29, Clerk.

2438. Antonio Losada, 1529 18 St. N. W., Washington, B. C. 23, Clera.
A. E.Gorham.
2439. Maitland Milliken, 104 Foster Bldg., Denver, Colo. Legal, Stamp

Dealer. C. V. Webb. 2440. Paul Floyd Cornish, 42 Bradt., Schenectady, N. Y. 33, Foreman.

V. W. Rotnew.

2441. W. Parlin Lillard, Box 120, Lawrenceburg, Ky. 17, Student. Erwin L. Fischer.

2442. Andrew C. Schaedler, 14 So. 54 St., Philadelphia, Pa. 38, Electrical Contractor, C. V. Webb.

2443. J. C. Alston, Apt D 9, Marlboro Apts., Spokane, Wash. 30, Bank Teller, C. J. Reese.

2444. Wm. Shtofman, Box 440, Wilmington, Del. 21, Salesman. C. Kissinger.

W. Kissinger. 2445. Willie W. Hansen, R 2, Velva, N. D., 22, Farmer. V. W. Rotney

2446. E. W. Hayden, Box 300, Cleveland, Ohio. 39, Trav. Salesman.

2447. J. S. Wilmington, Kalaupapa, Hawaii. 54, Postmaster. J. E. Guest, 2448. G. A. Arthur, 601 51 St., Milwaukee, Wis. 29, Collection Correspondent. H. E. Klotzbach.

2449. A. C. Worrell, Box 1118, Norfolk, Va. 16, Mail Clerk, A. A. Jones. 2450. Harcourt Parrish, 721 Brook St., Louisville, Ky. 17, Student, C.

V. Webb. 2451. L. O. Colburn, Box 119, Loami, Ill. 80, Retired Mechanic. L. T.

2401. L. U. Colburn, Box 119, Loami, 111. 80, Ketired Mechanic, L. T. Brodstone. 2452. C. G. Dietrich, 212 Broadway, N. Y. City. 52, Stamp Dealer.

H. B. Mason.

2453. Philip W. Ireland, Lookout Mt., Tenn. 14, Stüdent. J. E. Guest. 2454. Julius D. Segelken, 78 Greenwich St., N. Y. City. 29, Cashier. C. V. Webb.

2456. Walter E. Bierman, 2430 Clarke St., Milwaukee, Wisc. 26, Toll Tester, Webb.

What's the use, the advs. in the WEST teach you instantly how to buy at the right prices. Don't sit up nights studying—TRY 'EM.

#### DENVER NOTES .- By Maitland Milliken.

Specimen copies of Mexico 10 centavos commemorative stamps bearing portrait of V. Carranza in a beautiful shade of blue have been seen here. They are only good for interior postage and for one month. They are at 30c U. S. Gold by a Mexico City Dealer. They are likely to be a very desirable stamp depending on the quantity issued, of course.

Denver is evidently on the itinerary of a great many visiting philatelists as evidenced by the following:

Louis Lazos of the U. S. Naval Hospital at New Fort Lyons, Colorado, visited with the local philatellate the past ten days.

C. R. Calahan, of Seattle, Washington., publisher of the Collector's Companion, said to be the only philatelic publicationon the Pacific Cosat, was visiting in Denver several days while on his way east.

The sale of the famous Seybold collection of original covers that took place several years ago, is still fresh in the mind of the philatelic world. The purchaser of the above, Mr. Coit, enjoyed a two days' visit with your correspondent.

#### Has a "Log Cabin" Bottle

To The Post:

Sometime ago there was an item in The Post about a bottle of log cabin design. I have one which I believe to be of the same kind. It is represented was a two-story log cabin and bears the signature, "Kelly's Log Cabin Bitters," and is dated 1865. I also have two other style glazed pottery bottles, quart size. They have been in our family for more than forty years.—A. D. Daily, Mt. Washington.

There are now over 350,000 Indians in the United States, and 25,000 in Alaska.

More copper was produced in the United States last year than in any previous year in the history of the industry.

A typewriter is being introduced into India, which will write the 360 characters and signs of the Bengal alphabet.

By a new process originated in England, a steel is produced which is said to be proof against rust, stain and tarnish,

At the age of eighteen, David is said to have written his first Psalm, Shelley wrote "Queen Mab" and Mendelssohn composed his music for "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

A clever carpenter at Medford, Mass., has spent ten years in constructfing a small mahogany table which contains twenty-nine secret drawers.
These drawers cannot be opened unless certain skillfully concealed buttons
are pressed. Besides the twenty-nine drawers hidden in the table, there
are two shelves, five covers and one door. The table is two feet two inches
square.

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A royal proclamation by the English crown now classes gold, silver and paper money and all negotiable instruments as contraband.

Thirty million dollars of Villa paper money was recently burned by the sanitary department at Juarez. The money was in the form of Villa notes of one to twenty pesos denomination. This is only a small portion of the many millions which the bandit leader had struck off in the print shops in Chihuahua. It is estimated that at the time Villa lost controll of Chihuahua, there was three hundred million Villa and counterfeit bills.

#### NEW U. S. COINS.

secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo, has announced the acceptance of designs for new half dollars, quarier dollars and dimes. It is expected that these coins will be minted after July I. This is the first time since 1891 that the design of these coins has been changed.

The half dollars and dimes were designed by Adolph A. Weinman and the quarters by Herman A. MacNeal. These coins will probably be spoken of as the "Liberty" pieces, since the Goddess is the central figure in the design of all.

The face of the half dollar hears a full-length figure of Liberty with alackground of the American flag flying to the breeze. The Goddess is striving toward the dawn of a new day, carrying branches of laurel and oak symbolic of civil and military glory. The hand of the figure is outstretched in bestowal of the spirit of liberty. The reverse shows an eagle perched high upon a mountain crag, his wings unfolded fearless in spirit and conscious of his power. Springing from a rift in the rock is a sapling of mountain pine, symbolic of America

The 25-cent piece, in design, is intended to typify the awakening of the country in preparedness. The front shows a full-length of Liberty, front view with head turned to the left, stepping toward the gateway of the country, bearing upraised a shield. The right hand bears an olive branch of peace. On the field above the head is inscribed the word "LIBERTY" on the step under her feet "1916," and on the wall are the words, "IN GOD WE TRUST," which words also appear on the half dollar. The reverse shows the American eagle in fuull flight with wings extended sweeping across the coin, Suscription: "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," and "E PLURIBUS UNIDUM." And "QUARTER DOLLAR." Connecting the lettering on the outer circles are olive branches with ribbons streaming in the breeze.

The design of the dime, on account of the smallness of the coin, is simple.

The obverse shows a head of Liberty with winged cap. The head is fine and simple in form, the profile forceful. The reverse shows a design of the bundle of rods, with a battle ax, known a "Fasces" and symbolical of unity, wherein these the nations strength. Surrounding the fasces is a full-foliaged branch of meance.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

110. S. E. H. Sturgeon Lake, Minn.—(Q) What is the value of an 1846 silwer dollar? Ans—O. mint \$3 to \$5. 46 over 45, is very rare and no price is immentioned in catalogues. We have at hand (b) Half dollar 1869. Ans. \$1 to \$1.25. (e) Same 1875? Ans. \$1 to \$1.25. (e) Same 1875? Ans. \$1 to \$1.25. (d) Same 1893? Ans \$1.25 to \$1.50. (e) -Quarter 1876? Ans. 40 to 90. (f) Same 1877? Ans. 40 to \$1.10. (g) Ten Cents 1885? Ans. 20 to 40. (h) Same 1888? Ans. 40 to 70. (k) Five cents 1865? Ans. 10 to 40. (l) Same 1883? Ans. 10 to 25. (m) Edincoln cent, 1914? Ans. 1 cent. (n) Lincoln cent 1913. D mint? Ans. 1 cent. (o) Same 1999 with no mint mark? Ans. 15 to 75. (p) Are any other Lincoln cents worth saving? Ans. Yes. They are all worth face value for ordinary purposes. Why don't you buy a coin catalogne?

111-J. E. H. Warsaw, Wis.—How many silver dollars were coined in 1904? Ans, We have no report for 1904. You should be able to get the infor-

112—I. N. M. Muskegee, Okin.—(a) What is the value of a piece struck in a lead on front words. "Buillion value" and date 1896 and profile similar to that on the U.S. doller. Rev. "Sixteen to one, we don't think," with eagle like that on dollar? Ars. This is some kind of a campaign piece. We would judge the value to be very small.

113—Mrs. E. P., Chicago, III.—(a) What is the value of a half dollar 1853, 40 mint, with alrows at date? Ans. 75 to \$1.25. (b) Dime 1906? Ans. Proof. 49. (c) One dollar 1901? Ans. Unc. \$1.50, Proof. \$3.25. (d) 1915 penny, D mint, almost 1915 without mint? Ans. You evidently mean cent instead of penny. If so they are worth one cent each. (e) 1909 V. O. B. Cent? Ans. Read a few of the thock numbers. You can't fail to find an answer. You would find a catalogue to thorsoft great assistance to you. The largest illustrated catalogue on the market may be had for only 60 cents, while the 10 cent kind are far better than

11.—I. H. V., Haywood, III.—What is the piece of which I enclose rubbing? The wording on front is "Imitacion L. C. Lanlet Nurburg, 10 peectus!" Ans. The peecta is a Spanish unit of value while the word "imitacion" is Spanfash for imitation. From this we take it that your piece is not a coin, but an smitation of some kind.

115 M. E. F. Kenosha, Wisconsin.—(a) What is the value of the pine tree self. for it? Ans. A good method of disposing of old coins is to advertise them at your lowest cash price in West. Another is to place them with some auction dealer. We will be pleased to furnish you the name of a reliable dealer upon xeepit of stamp.

116-D. W., Raton, N. M.,—I have an Indian head cent which is off center.

Is it counterfeit or genuine? Ans. We could not say without examining the
coin. Very few imperfect coins get out of the mints, however, of recent years,
What is the date of your piece?

#### HERE'S A WOMAN WITH A PURPOSE.

"In company with a well-known anti-quarian of this city a reporter spent last evening with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Davidson of Detroit, in their rooms at the New Grand Hotel where they are staying a few days. Mrs. Davidson is a woman who would delight the heart of Prof. Ferris, who lectured on 'Success' in this week. She has a purpose in life and she is pursuing it. It is her purpose to erect a Memorial hall dedicated to the heroes who wore the blue and the grey. For this purpose she has been traveling about the country with her husband for the last nine years, and has gone over the Southern battlefields, where the shock of battle came, and has gathered nearly four thousand relies for the Memorial building.

"She hopes to be able to present her collection to the state, provided the common-wealth will erect a building and give her a life lease of it." It is her plan to arrange the collection before interesting the legislature. There is no building of the kind in the state, and when the Memorial hall is established it will become a general depository for interesting and historical relies of all kinds and others would add largely to the collection started by Mrs. Davidson,

"She has authentic certificates accompanying each relic and they are systematically catalogued, so that their genuineness and reliability are unquestioned and they are easy to be looked up. The collection, however, is not limited to souvenirs of the Rebellion. It contains numerous mementoes of all the wars of the country from Colonial times down to date, as well as interesting relics of Mary, Queen of Scotts. It abounds with priceless relics of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, J. Wilkes Booth, Grant Sherman, Custer, slavery days, every battlefield of the Rebellion, the World's Fair and all the presidents. The extent, variety and richness of it all is beyond description-it must be seen or the certificates examined to learn the full value. It is worth the time to sit down and have a talk of an hour or so with this interesting lady about her experiences in various parts of the country, notably the South. in the pursuit of her purpose. Her varied experience would make a good lecture. Among other notables with whom she has held very pleasant interviews was the widow of ex-President Palk, at her home in Nashville, Tennessee, a very pleasant and profitable visit for Mrs. Davidson; more so, because very few persons were able to gain an audience with the aged and distinguished lady."

Mrs. Davidson died June 6th 1916, at St. Joseph, Mich. She left collections to son who has ad in this issue,

Falls City, Neb,.—An "olla", believed to be of pre-historic origin was found on Thursday of last week on the south side-wall of a drainage ditch four miles east of this city.

Some men were blasting the bottom of the ditch to deepen it when a land-slide occurred which exposed the vase or oila. It was found at a depth of nine or ten feet from the surface of the ground and measured about eighteen inches in heighth and two or three feet in circumference. It had an opening at the top of nine inches. The dynamite used in blasting had cracked the ancient vessel. It is a splendid specimen, the second to be found in this county.

#### DEAMOUS AMERICAN FLAGS NOT IN MUSEUMS, SENT BY COWELL

The well-known flags in the great national repositories yield their eloquent lessons day by day to the passersby, but all through this country there are flags in private possession which, given tongues, could speak their own thrilling words of victory or of defeat.

Some of them are connected with great leaders and great engagements; others are of small import, but are no less vital, for they fill in the minor parts in the story of the flags which tell a nation's history.

One of the flags in private possession in this country is the flag of the United States brig Enterprise, which she wore when she defeated the British ship Boxer off Portland, Me., September 15, 1913. It has fifteen stripes and fifteen stars, as prescribed by the act of Congress of 1794, which fixed the number of stars and stripes in the national banner during that period.

This flag is now in possession of a Mr. Quincy, of Portland, Me., who upon great occasions has loaned it for exhibition. The banner, although frail is well preserved by the owner, who is a descendant of the commander of the victorious vessel.

How an old and historic flag may come to light as a crucial moment, after years of obscurity, occasionally affords an interesting story of its own, and its recent discovery is an episode in the career of a Marine Corps flag which saw distinguished service in Mexico in this country's early connection with that hation.

It was while overlooking an unusual portion of the residence of the commandant at the marine barracks at Washington that Mrs. Barnett, wife of Ma-Jor General George Barnett, discovered in a box in an unused storage room an old framed flag whose yellow silken folds crumbled to the touch

Believing it to be a valuable relic, she sent for an expert, who proved it to be some other than the flag carried by the Marine Corps battalion attached to the army of occupation under the command of Major General Winfield Scott in its march from Vera Cruz to the City of Mexico in 1847.

The highly elaborate decoration upon the old banner is painted on in oil and has thoroughly preserved this investigation that the painter of this device was Joseph Bush, an artist, who lived in Boston in the early forties, giving the date of the fing to be 1843.

Another important flag in private possession is owned by Mrs. Rosa Wright Smith, daughter of the late General Horatio G. Wright, major general commanding the Sixth Army Corps. General Wright succeeded General John G. Sedgwick as commander of the Sixth Corps when the latter was killed at Spotsylvania, and continued to command until the end of the war. The tattered flag cherished by Mrs. Smith is the familiar headquarters banner of the Sixth Army Corps of the Army of the Potomac. It is a large fish-tailed blue flag hearing the figures "6" in read in the center of a white Greek cross. Mrs. Smith is herself, daughter of the Sixth Army Corps, having been elected to that position by the survivors of that corps at their reunion in 1832.

#### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES by H. E. REISEBERG

Festival Indian Dances—Ordinarily, one harvest dance a year is enough for a tribe of Indians in New Mexico, but crops have been so abundant on their reservations the past season, that, this fall, the several tribes, especially the boys and girls, have been dancing to the music of tom-toms about half of their time.

Six Miles in a Cave.—William P. Lawson, of Harper's Weekly, this fall, penetrated the mammoth cave on the Pecos, in New Mexico, a distance of six miles, and returned somewhat jaded and his skin badly broken. He turned back only because the hole became too small for his body. He believes that the cave, originally, was the bed of a river. He said that he struck no precious minerals, saw no wonderful rocks, encountered no pools of water, or heard no mysterious noises.

Lost Gold Mine Found.—After a search of thirty years, the lost French gold mine has been located in the flanks of Truchas peaks, thirty miles north of Santa Fe, New Mexico. This mine originally was opened by three Frenchmen, who, at intervals, used to ride horseback into Mora or Las Vegas, with bags of gold. One of the prospectors died of fever and it is legend that the remaining two in a quarrel over his share of the gold shot each other to death. Thirteen years ago a demented shepherd brought to camp a miner's hammer, which he found in a tunnel almost at timber line. This caused men to look for the lost gold mine, and in September it was found.

Tive Is Put on the Map—It may be of interest to postmark collectors to know that a new town called Tive, in Morton County, Kansas, has been placed on the map by the postoffice.

Unearths Pipe That Gen. Jackson Gave to Indian Chief.—R. D. Harris owns what is believed to be the pipe that Gen. Andrew Jackson presented to an Indian chief at Garlandsville on his march to New Orleans. The pipe was found in an Indian mound at Hickory, Mississippi, among the bones and effects of the Indians and was buried a number of years ago. Mr. Harris lives at Hickory and says that he has remembrance of the Indian who piloted Gen. Jackson through Louisiana, having seen the Indian, who was an old man in his (Harris') early boyhood. The pipe is of pure meerschaum, and, as there were no white people in that section at the time, only Indians, the pipe is undoubtedly the one which Gen. Jackson smoked peace to the Indians and obtained their help in piloting him to New Orleans to fight the British in 1812. Natives of that section years ago, following the report that the United States government had given an Indian chief \$30,000 for his services in aiding Gen. Jackson. searched the whole section with divining rods in an effort to find the treasure, which, so far as is known, has never been located.

Relics of Prehistoric Period.—Three large ollas and other pottery were found recently, in a buried habitation of a prehistoric period, on the place of John Van Vost, near Aztec, San Juan County, New Mexico. They are relics of rare value and in a perfect state of preservation. The largest olla is sixteen inches tall, eleven inches across the mouth, and thirteen inches across the middle. The walls of this ancient habitation form rooms, connected by underground passageways. Lying above these, a great quantity of charcoal was found.

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Dear Members:

At the present writing, I have not heard from anyone of the members about the nominations for officers for the coming year. This is a matter of utmost importance and all members should send in their suggestions at once. Let us know who you want for officers even the you may not care to nominate them yourself.

All previous applicants have been accepted and cards will be mailed to them within a few days.

It is time we were considering our next convention. This convention, our second, will be held in Omaha again and those who were present last October will certainly be anxious to attend as well as have as many others as possible be ther. The Omaha bunch sure treated us right and this year it is planned to far surpass the last. Probably a two day session with something going on all the time. One of the attractions will probably be an auction sale and I would advise every member who has stamps to dispose of this way, to get in touch with the Auction management now. The time, not definitely set yet, will be around the latter part of September or early October, the time of the Ak-sar-ben fete. Let us know when it will be mose convenient to you. Spread the news to your friends.

The delayed more than expected, we now have a first circuit of the Sales department ready. Some fine stuff too, and if you want to get in on it let me hear from you at once. Those who have requested this earlier will not need to write again.

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Navajo Blanket Show.—Bert Phillips, an artist of Taos, New Mexico, offers, if safe-keeping be guaranteed, to place his collection of Navajo blankets in the state museum, at Santa Fe, for exhibition, indefinitely. The collection is worth \$10,000. Mr. Phillips repeatedly has had offers for the purchase of these blankets but uniformly he has refused. The offer to place the collection in the museum amounts to an offer to give outright.

Some Ruin, This!—Dr. A. V. Kidder, who is excavating the ancient Pecos pueblo, New Mexico, says evidence uncovering is that the foundation was laid 5,400 years ago. He finds many skeletons in good state of preservation. Many photographs of the old pueblo, the mission church, and the surrounding landscape have been made.



#### SOME NOTES FOR WEAPON COLLECTORS .- By George J. Remsburg.

James Simmons of Downs, Kans., is exhibiting a curiosity in the form of a three-in-one weapon, which was found by his brother near Downs. The weapon is a revolver that can be converted into a dagger and a pair of knucks. In the early history of the country a band of outlaws made their headquarters in these parts and it is supposed the weapon was lost by one of them.

There is on exhibition at Woolwich, England, a bronze gun, weighing eighten tons and made of two pieces of metal screwed together, which was employed during the defense of the Dardanells in 1888.

A decided novelty in the way of pistols has been perfected for use by the United Statese signal corps for the purpose of communicating at night. Cartifiedges firing spurts of flame of various hues are used for ammunition, the color of the flame carrying a definite message to the distant lookout.

Otto Eulert, who lives near Junction City, Kans., has what he calls a "gopher gun" a device of his own invention with which he has killed nearly 200 gophers this season. It consists of a piece of gas pipe equipped with a trigger connected with a piece of wire to the other end of which is attached a piece of potato or some other bait. A 12 guage shot gun shell is inserted in the gas pipe and the weapon is placed in the borrow of the gopher. In tearing the bait from the wire the gopher discharges the weapon and is killed.

Revolvers belonging to the famous train robber, Jesse James, and the revolver with which James was kiled were displayed in a side show at the Farmer's Fair at Columbia, Mo., recently, acording to the University Missourian. These revolvers possess much history that has never been told. This was the first time they had ever been exhibited. A letter from Jesse E. James, a son of the bandit, to a student says, "I take pleasure in explaining to you that the three revolvers lent for use at the fair at Columbia are genuine and authentic." The Ford pistol is the one with which Jesse James was killed in St. Joseph by Bob Ford. The Jesse James revilver is the one carried by him during the greater part of his career. This is one of the two revolvers he had when killed. Besides the revolvers, the show also had the booth belonging to James, as well as his bridle and shotgun belt. The collection belongs to former Governor Crittenden of Kansas City and to Jesse E. James. Many exciting stories are told of this famous Missouril bandit, who at one time was a United States soldier,

but turned outlaw after finding a relative killed by Union soldiers. He and his brother took oath to get reverige for this deed. From this time until he was killed by a partner who wanted to get a reward, Jesse James Ilved a life wilder than the tales of dime novels. Everyone from sheriffs to Pinkerton detectives attempted to catch him, with little success.

H. Bowie recently wrote entertainingly of the Bowie knife in the New York Sun:

"As a very small child I remember a bowie knife that was kept hanging from a high post bed. It was my joy when alone to draw up a chair. place a cricket on that, then climb up, clasping the bedpost with one arm and with the other drawing the bowie knife as far from the sheath as I dared. I can feel now the murderous gleam of the steel and the thrilling sense of danger. I do not know what has become of this knife, but there are several among the Bowie family in Maryland and one which, I think, is asserted to be the original is preserved at the Players' club in New York. The original was fashioned from an old file under the personal supervision of Colonel Rezin P. Bowie by Jesse Cliffe, the plantation blacksmith, and given to his brother, Colonel James Bowie, who made it famous and gave Colonel Bowle was called by the Indians the Fighting Devil, by his Texan it to the actor Forrest after having used it in nineteen deadly encounters. followers the Young Lion, yet we are also told that he was the most peaceful man in the world if you let him alone. His portrait is that of a strong man and a gentleman thoroughly disillusioned and as true as steel all things the leader for a forlorn hope, but with no suggestion of the border desperado which he is so often represented to be.

#### ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Hotel Rochester, Tuesday, June 6, 1916.

101st meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association called to order by President F. B. King.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee appointed to act on the applications of J. W. Horner, D. A. Young and A. E. Loiseau reported favorably, and they were accordingly elected to membership.

Mr. F. T. Savage of 349 University Avenue and Mr. G. T. Nientimp of 138 Berlin Street made application for membership, recommended by Mr. J. Maunovry and Dr. French, and applications were referred to a Committee composed of Messrs. W. H. Ambrg, Bauer, Morritt and French.

Owing to the continued wet weather in this vicinity, it was decided to postpone the outing planned for until the weather became settled,—no date being set, but it will probably be the latter part of June or first of July. This will be reported on at next meeting by the Committee in charge.

The balance of the evening was spent in looking over the coins on exhibit, selected from the Collection of the late Harry E. Montgomery, of Buffalo, N. Y., which is to be sold at auction on June 16th,

Meeting adjourned to June 20th, 1916.

H. H. YAWGER, Secretary.

## Summer Coin and Curio Bargains

| Five different United States half dollars, before 1822   | \$ 3.25 |
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| Old foreign dollar, dated before 1675; fine  | 1.35    |
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| 200 Mixed foreign coins, various kinds, including nickel   | 1.25    |
| United States two-cent pieces, per 100   | 3.35    |
| United States three-cents, nickel; good to fine  |         |
| Proof five-cent nickel coins, five different   | .58     |
| Half dimes, ten different dates; good to fine  | .85     |
| Ancient Beads (B. C. 1500-A. D. 300), of various materials, large and  |         |
| small; Egyptian, Greek and Roman, 15 for   | .25     |
| Ancient Egyptian statuette (before 1500 B. C.), in fine state  | 1.50    |
| Egyptian scarab (before 1500 B. C.), fine state  | 1.50    |
| Genuine cut and polished Chinese jade stones, 5 for  | .50     |
| Chinese coin sword, made of 125 new coins (prepaid)  | 1.15    |
| United States silver dollars, before 1873; very good; each   | 1.25    |
| Proof three cents, nickel; scarce; three varied dates  | .45     |
| Large ancient silver coin (before B. C. 50); good  | 1.25    |
| Widow's mite, classified and genuine antique   | .75     |
| Fine red sardonyx cameo, with head; perfect antique for ring   | .75     |
| Greek bronze ring or Roman dice (ancient), each  | .50     |
| Ancient Roman clay lamp, from Nazareth (before 400 A. D.)  | 1.00    |
| Ancient Roman glass mulets and pendants, 3 for   | .50     |
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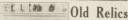
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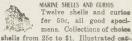
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### FRENCH ARISTRY.—By G. A. Higlett.

### "BLANC" TYPE. SCOTT'S No. 108 to 112

This design for the lower values is supposed to carry out the following prescribed features as follows:

The winged female figure represents Liberty.

The evenly balanced scales of Justice represent Equality.

The two boys, or cherubs, embracing, represent Fraternity.

It is certain that the principal figures does not wear much in the way of old Roman toga or Grecian draper. Neither is she robed in any modern creation by Worth or Pacquin. In fact, she is far in advance of recent ideals of dresses cut short above and below, and for appearing publicly in such scanty costume she calls for the attention of the police.

She has a pair of wings, which are all very fine and large, but one fails to see that this is a typical feature of modern French feminine adornment. Modern French ladies do not fly, even if they be flighty.

Whilst one hand holds aloft the scales of Equality, the modern touch is to be seen by the other hand holding a mirror, in which she might see if her hat were on straight, if she had one, but she has not. The picture of a lady holding a mirror is appropriate and suitable to all times and places, but the representation of her turning away her head from it is neither ancient, modern, Royal, Republican, French nor feminine.

Incidentally one may note that she appears to have six toes to her right foot, which can hardly be considered as an ideal type of modern French beauty.

The two little boys hugging one another in a fond embrace, intended to typlify brotherly love, or fraternity, does not appeal to many of us, because British boys do not fall upon one another's necks and kiss—in fact, the average British boy would refuse to do anything of the kind, and would call it "slobbering"—but as this picture is typical of modern France it only shows us that in other countries there are other manners.

### "MOUCHON" TYPE, SCOTT'S Nos. 113 TO 117.

This design was for the medium values, from 19c to 30c. The artist managed to crowd into his design all sorts of emblems; thus

- 1. The lady wears the Phrygian cap of Liberty.
- 2. She is crowned with olive to typify Peace.
- 3. She wears a cuirass to typify Armed Defense.
- 4. Above the cuirass is a minute lion's head, about the size of a brooch, as an emblem of Courage. It is not typical of the great courage of the French nation, but of that particular personal courage that fights those terrific bloodless duels; else why did he make it so small that it requires a magnifying glass to see it?
  - 5. Her right hand holds a sceptre crowned with the Hand of Justice.
- 6. The designer stated that her swort belt was to indicate that she had a sword, out of sight under her cloak. It is not stated of what this hidden sword is typical. It might be only to cut her corns with; but, on the other hand, it might not.
- 7. She balances a kind of tombatone on her knee, or rather on the side of her leg, in a manner in which no real woman ever did, would, or could hold such a thing. This memorial tablet, or tombatone, bears the inscription "Rights

of Man," which is supposed to typify Equality. It was really a rather wonderful vision of the coming time of the victorious suffragette, when the present preeminent and unfair "Rights of Man" shall be trodden down, and exist only as a memorial of a dead and burned past, and when woman shall have full equality with man in all respects, and he able to serveher country in parliament, the army, the navy, the police force, the fire brigade, on coroner's juries, as street scavengers, chimney sweeps, and public hangmen (hangwomen), and all other delightful occupations open to men, as an accompaniament of her franchise.

Directly it appeared, the design was condemned by public opinion. For one thing, the sceptre with the hand of Justice was an old monarchial emblem, and distinctly anti republican, and so the design was withdrawn and replaced by a redrawn type.

"MERSON" TYPE. SCOTT'S Nos. 118 TO 122,

This design was for the higher values.

A female figure represents either Liberty or France, whichever you think he most resembles.

She wears the Phrygian cap of Liberty, and the culrass, etc., as in the Mouchon type. She holds her sword, half-sheathed, with her left hand, to denote that she is left-handed. With her right hand she is scratching her ear.

She is seen to be seated high up in the fanlight of a lofty doorway, supported on the tops of Corinahian pillars, so that she shuts out most of the light from the hall of the house. The rest of this fanlight is filled up with a tangled growth of olives, supposed to represent Peace. Why olive-trees should grow in such a place one does not understand, unless it be a French ideal of appropriateness of a typical method of French arboriculture.

The values are shown on a shield of fancy artistic shape, such as no soldier ever bore into battle, but such as may sometimes be seen, with fancy curled copper edges, bearing the name or number of a house; but instead of this one being placed low down by the side posts or pillars, it is stuck up at the top, so as to complete the blocking up of the fanlight.

THE SOWER. SCOTT'S Nos. 128 TO 122.

The design of the Sower, by Roty, already appearing on the silver coinage, was adopted in 1902 as the design for the medium values to supersede the redrawn Mouchon type. It is supposed to typify France, the land and nation of lofty ideals, or its ideas, over the world. The stamps were first issued in April. 1903, of the first type, with lined background.

Its advent was heralded by newspaper acclamations. It was said to be simple, graceful, elegant, beautiful, dainty. At last France, la belle France, had the long-dreamed of stamp, by in filustrious artist; an ideal model of everything which a postage stamp ought to be, a delicate and symbolical work of art, which was to spread far and, wide over the world the knowledge of the artistic taste of the French nation. It duly appeared, but, alas for its artistic mission.

It is not a picture of a woman sowing her wild oats. It is the republic sowing its ideas over the world, and trying to make headway against a very strong wind, a wind so strong that it blows the lady's tresses into a horizontal stream behind her, as weil as her dress, something like a southwesterly gale on the Brighton sea-front, whilst as for the seed she is casting forth into the feeth of this gale, it will assuredly all be blown away into space and utterly lost.

A strong light falls upon her in front, and her back is in dark shadow, while the rising sun is behind her, on the side of the deep shadows. This is quite against our ideas of the natural laws of light and shade, but it is not for us to find fault, for they manage these things differently in France.

The design was adversely criticised, and it was thought that the effect could be greatly improved by altering the background. In the re-drawn design the rising sun was abolished, as well as the great seed-ground over which the Sower was walking; and the result was a Sower, in the darkness of night, standing upon a large inverted soup plate. This soup-plate edition was also condemned, as sowers do not stand upon soup-plates, either large or small, in pursuing their avocation.

The authorities took to heart the lesson of Bruce's spider, and they tried again, and after four changes of design the current design was finally reached.

We presume that the designs of the current stamps of France are intended to show a great advance upon the earliest designs of sixty years ago, as great an advance in art as France herself has made in progress, but there are obtuse people, people of curious methods of thought, including many collectors, who actually prefer the designs of 1848 and 1852 to those of the twentieth century. There is no accounting for taste.

### THE NEED OF WAR PROVISIONAL STAMPS .- By A. McKil.

Some of us are wondering whether there is any need for the great number of British war provisionals in which so much interest and speculation are being excited. In this, as in some other matters, the Union of South Africa sets the empire a good example in that in "South West," as they call Botha's land, the only stamps in use are those of the Union, surcharged, and not overprinted. Whatever reasons of distance, difficulty of transport, and so forth, might be urged on behalf of surcharges elsewhere might be urged twenty-foud in the case we have quoted, but the opportunity has not been made use of, so that even the possibility of speculation has been prevented. Our colonial office in recent years has been very strict in times of peace in these matters. In times of war they should be stricter. The fact the most of these provisionals are reaching London auctions in mint condition of blocks tells its own story. At a time when so many of us are making heavy pecuniary (to say nothing of others) sacrifices for the state, the chances of speculation which these issues bring to those on the sport should be stopped. The errors, types, and so forth, which see mto abound, suggest the worst feature of the philately, which owing to its concern of misplaced stops and dots at the time of the South African war, came to be known as dotty. We find franks of a face value under 1/ fetching over a £5 note in the market, and many pieces issued in very restricted numbers. Being issued, the collectors can hardly be expected to leave the rarities alone, but from his point of view the matter is worthy of consideration. The price he pays goes to some one, but not always to the dealer. The essence of the thing is the exploitation of the collector, and rules and regulations as to the number of sets permitted to be issued to each officer or member of a British force leaves an impression that real postal needs have been lost sight of. What we have written does not, of course, affect the value or status of our war provisionals to date, but many of us are getting uneasy at the stead stream of British new issues. If the Union frank is good and convenient enough for "South West," why should not a plain Gold Coast do duty in Togo?

### NOTES FROM EGYPT.-By V. Rainford, S. P. A. Member. (Continued from last issue.)

Another test is in the nature of being a negative one and consequently not so satisfactory. There are no less than six quite distinct types of the Arabic overprint but the forgers show little or no variation. In the original all the stamps on the bottom row of the pane have a diamond-shaped dot of ink for the 3rd character (reading from the right) instead of a comma, but the counterfelt invariably shows the comma with fully developed tail. Again, in the Government overprint the stamps have been struck so heavily that the type has almost pierced the paper, and the impression can be felt with the tip of the finger on the reverse side of the stamp. In the forgery the overprint is applied to the surface of the stamp without any pressure whatever. The water test is a crucial one owing to the coloring matter in some of the stamps, notably the 10 pia regular issue and the 4 mills postage due (the "dues" also being also forged entensively,) not standing immersion for many minutes, but the false overprint will not be found very tenacious and can be rubbed off more easily than the delicate maroon of the 4 mills.

I have alluded only to used copies as the unused will rarely be met with, except the inverteds, as the face value of the set was about a dollar, and as the ultimate profit on this sum was always a doubtful quantity, the counterfeiters did not fel justified in laying out this amount of capital. I cannot lay too much stress on the importance of collectors using discretion in their relations with little known dealers (and more particularily exchangers who "do not send first") in Egypt. In purchasing the first issue of Soudan they should be demanded on approval and thoroughly investigated. There are a few really genuine and well esthished dealers in the land of the Pharaohs whom I have known for some years and with whom it has been a pleasure to transact business, and in fairness to them perhaps the Editor will permit the mentioning in these columns, so that no unpleasant reactions may be cast. The names of such sound dealer-collectors as Angeloglous, Colucci, Cohen, Noel, Pleimes and the "Comptoti Philatelique" which immediately occur to mind, a few bright stars in the spiner of Philately in the pear East

A very pleasing piece of news reaches me from South Africa to the effect that a new stamp journal is to appar there very shortly. This is as it should be for there are no keener philatellists anywhere than those of the South African Union and hopes are expressed that a priodical worthy of thier ambitions may be produced. In viewing some excellent collections put together in that far off country—I write advisedly, for the much talked of "Cape to Cairo" railroad is not yet being—I noted how much importance was attached to the better stamps being collected on piece or on entire original and this applied almost as much to the younger as well as to the more advanced collector. This method to my mind is a highly commendable one, its one outstanding drawback being, of course, its bulkiness when collecting on a large scale.

Dame Rumor is around again in Egypt and she informs all and sundry that all "O. H. H. S." stamps are now withdrawn owing to unscrupulous persons using them on their private correspondence in attempts to evade censorship. My experience of the gentleman responsible for the running of this important office tends very strongly to the conviction that they are not hoodwinked by so simple a subterfuge. However, I am not in a position to deny the rumor at present, although I have seen service envelopes bearing these labels quite recently. In viw of this rumor collectors having specimens with the new lithographed overprint I mention in the "Weet" last month would perhaps be well advised to hold them, as there may be a possibility of their proving "worth while" in time to come.

The chief item of interest from this country from a philatelic view-point is the new service overprint. This is lithographed instead of typographed, and at first glance is similar to the last overprint illustrated in Scott's catalogue; but on closer examination there will be found several points of difference. While the English characters bear a resemblance to the previous ones it will be noticed that the ber of the first "H" is high, but more particularly the periods are round instead of square. The Arabic inscription is an extremely artistic one, but perhaps this appeals only to those who have some acquaintance with this lettering. The major point of difference lies in the formation of the first character (reading from the right), the top beginning with a little ornamental flourish which is absent in the previous overprint, and which is. I am given to understand, quite superfluous. Up to the time of writing I have seen but three denominations treated with the new overprint, the 2 and 4 milliemes old Sphinx and Pyramid type and the 5 mills 1914 pictorial, though doubtless others will rapidly follow.

I note that several postoffices in Egypt still have on sale quantities of the old type for ordinary postal duty and registered covers bearing two or three of both the old and newer stamps are not uncommon. Several sheets of the obsolete ten paras, green, Scott's No. 28, and catalogued by them at 5 cts. each, have been put on the market, and doubtiess there are many more ready to be launched when thetime is considered opportune by the holders. It may be many years before this stamp can be regarded as of medium grade, the face value being little more than 1 cent, and it is more than likely that large lots were bought at the time they were in use.

I also note with some gratification that the five plastre official stamp of 1907 is at last advancing in price. This I think is as it should be, for while there was a glut of these stamps at one time, most of them must have been absorbed and they should now be given a status in advance of what they enjoyed a few years ago.

There is little to record from the Soudan as evidently the postal administration thinks more than once before making any radical changes. The domestic rate for postal cards has been increased from 2 mills to 3 mills, presumably with the idea of adding a little more to the revenue. No new card has been issued, but the public is advised to affix an additional 1 millieme stamp to the cards obtainable at the postoffice. A new reply postal card has appeared for over-seas use with the familiar camel pictured as usual, price 8 (eight) milliemes (4 cents). I do not anticipate any great sale for these, as it is on very rare occasions that such an article is required. Perhaps the most useful fem of postal stationery offered to the public by the authorities in the Soudan is the linen lined registered envelope. This has proved a great boon and I think the idea might be copied to advantage by many other countries. The registration fee in this country is extremely low, that for internal postage being 2½ cents only, and foreign 5 cents.

I have read with some interest an article in a recent number of the "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightip" anent an appeal from a Belgian soldier internad in Holland for some stamps with which to enrich his collection, and though readers were not advised either to send or refrain from doing so, the writer emphatically declined to have anything to do with the invitation extended. Curiously enough the next mail brought me a similar request from a soldier of a Belgian line regiment held captive at Feist, Holland, and couched in like terms as follows:

"As a Belgian soldier prisoner of war, I am taking the liberty to send you a little request. Having much time to spend here in the camp I should like very much to make a collection of used postage stamps for me and for my Children and I should be really happy if you would be so kind to send me some nice postage stamps.

"In exchange of them I will send you the pictures cards of the selgians' Intennery Camp.

"I hope that you also will like to help me to pass some hours pleasantly.

"Begging your pardon for the trouble, I am, Dear Sir, with many thanks. Very respectfully yours."

Now if this is the same gallant defender of downtrodden Belgium and he is circularizing the whole world for consignments of stamps he ought to have sufficient stock with which to open a nice little business when he gets back to his native land, providing always, of course, that he has met with more encouragement at other hands than he has from those of the attitude in the "S. C. F." and the present writer. For my part, I thought it advisable to write and ask our soldier friend for some guarantee of good faith before mailing to him a "collection of used postage stamps for him and his children."

### REVIEW OF BRITISH PHILATELIC MAGS.

BY A. McKlL.

Stamp Collecting has of late contained nothing of a very startling nature, so I think the following extract will do no harm:

Great Britain. The £1 Stamp. By D. B. Armstrong. The retirement of the £1 value from the current British postage stamp series, although sudden, was not entirely unforeseen by those who have follower closely the trend of philatelic events. It is rather more than thirty years ago (says D. B. Armstrong) on September 25th, 1875, to be precise, that a £1 duty was first introduced into the then current postage stamps of Great Britain, in company with a 10/ value of similar design, for use in connection with the postage and insurance of heavy foreign letters and parcels as well as to represent amount due in postoffice accounts. Surface printed by De La Rice & Co., the then holders of the government contract, in a large rectangular design, showing the familiar bust of Queen Victoria in an ostagonal frame, and lettered "Postage-One Pound," it bore at the foot the p'ate number 1 and had uncolored check letters in the four corners. The color was brown lilac, and the sheets, containing eighty impressions, grouped in four panes of twenty, were printed upon paper watermarked with a large Maltese cross to each stamp. The perforation, gauging 151/2x15, was carried out at Somerset House. Unused this first £1 stamp iss of considerable rarity, but in used condition is comparatively plentiful

### PHILATELY IN EUROPE .- Exclusive Correspondence of Philatelle West.

The history of the war, according to Fred J. Melville, is being written in stamps. Every great step in the progress of the rival armies is being marked by new issues, many of them of a temporary nature, and likely to be much prized by the philatelist in years to come. I am now able to give some details. of an issue of the greatest interest to all British collectors. This consists of our ordinary English stamps specially overprinted for use in Salonika from some date in February until March 9, when the issue was discontinued.

The stamps are overprinted with the word "Levant," and in this respect they are a continuation of the well-known series of British stamps used at the British postoffice sin the Turkish empire from April 1, 1885. But the new stamps are our current Georgian denominations and the overprint is in a heavy type, with capital initial and the rest of the word in lower case letters, thus, "Levant," quite different from the overprint in even sansserif capitals on the stamps which became obsolete when Turkey closed the foreign postoffices shortly before she entered the present war.

The stamps were overprinted in a small printing press at the British army printing office at Salonika, the overprinting being evidently done in horizontal rows of twelve stamps at a time. From an examination of a few of the stamps there is good reason to believe that there was only sufficient type to repeat the word "Levant" twelve times, and that the entire setting thus consisted of the twelve repetitions set across the seet. At each impression the sheet of stamps would have to be moved down, the complete sheet of 240 stamps thus having to pass twenty times through the press. It is not surprising, therefore, that the overprinting is somewhat irregular, and it occurs at top, bottom or middle of the stamp, and is sometimes slanting. In two values, the ½d and the 6d, a whole row of twelve stamps has apparently been missed, as Messrs. Gibbons have seen vertical pairs, one stamp will and the other without the overprint.

The stamps have been used in the usual way through the post, and may be found postmarked with the field or postoffice marks, lettered "G. X." or "S. X." A considerable number of the issue was sent home on letters conveyed in his majesty's ships' postbags, and it would be interesting to learn if these have been postmarked en route on the warships or at the base postoffice ship or at the port of arrival.

The issue, the news of which will come as a great surprise to British specialists, is of great historical interest, and as the numbers issued are very limited the stamps will be among the rarities of the war stamp issues.

Even a trifle like a postage stamp, light as air, is a subject for a lecture on economy in these times. Fearing that there may be a shortage of printing paper the stamp printer to the Australian commonwealth has advised the postmaster general of the danger. The stamp printer uses 450 millions of postage stamps in a year, and the stamp printer requires 18,730 reams of paper to produce that quantity. There is no shortage at present, but it is possible that there may be, so he suggests that when articles are being posted and the postage is more than a penny the public should use stamps of a higher denomination. In this way the stamp printer thinks the supplies of paper will be conserved.

The latest mail from New Zealand contains a hint that there is a shortage

of the paper required for the comparatively new King George issue. The latest printing of the 1½d stamp is done on paper which was originally made for the large pictorial stamps, and so the water-mark ("N. Z" over a star device) does not fit the normal size King George stamps. On a part sheet received recently some have just a small portion of the water-mark, while others have no water-mark at all.

The Swiss postoffice saves its old stamps, and this month it offers 100,000 used copies of the current high value Swiss stamps, 3, 5, and 10 francs, for sale. Last year a similar offer to the trade was made, and a substantial sum was realized. The three denominations are offered at 10d per stamp in what is styled "first quality," and 7d per stamp in the second quality, or 2s 6d and 1s 8d the set of three. The chief difference in the two grades is in the obliteration, the first nearly always having the "P. P." (port paye) mark, and the second the common barred obliteration used in ordinary postal traffic. The first quality stamps were only used on dockets, etc., which never left the post-office, while the second kind were used in the mails. The stamps are only supplied to the Swiss dealers, but British dealers can obtain them from the Swiss trade at a small commission over these prices.

May 6 was the seventy-sixth anniversary of the date fixed by the lords of the treasury for the commencement of the use of postage stamps and stamped wrappers, introduced in 1840, in connection with Rowland Hill's plan for uniform penny nostage.

Our 2-cent postage stamp has become a victim of the European war. George Washington formerly was set off on the 2-cent issues with a bright red. Now the background of this most common of stamps has become a pale pink. This apparently is another result of the dye shortage due to the war. Some time ago there was expressed a fear that the color shortage would hit the stamps.

Stamp collecting as a hobby is now 55 years old. A Swedish paper tells us that a schoolboy in Toubridge was the first active stamp collector, and that he succeeded in getting about 400 different stamps. In 1884, if amused people to see an advertisement from a stamp collector, offering to sell his collection for £200. These same people would not have believed it had they been told that £2,000 is asked today for a single British Columbian stamp, issued in 1885.

Recently I received a letter, mailed at some point in South Dakota, and thearing as evidence of prepayment a Canadian 2-cent postage stamp. It went through without comment.

In a contemporary we find an anxious subscriber asking if the Canadian government can impose a war tax on people, writing letters to parties in the United States. And the answer is, that it evidently has a right to do so if it wants to.

But isn't that just what the Canadian government has been doing this long a time?

JUST TELL THEM THAT YOU SAW IT IN THE WEST.

### THE EVIL CONSEQUENCES ARISING FROM IRREGULARITIES IN THE COMPILATION OF CATALOGUES

Translated from "Le Monde Philatelique" ...

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BY E. d HAAS

Running the risk of being looked upon as a person who incessantly repeats well known facts, I insist upon discussing the harm that is done to collectors as well as to dealers by misleading quotations appearing in stamp catalogues.

When a collector wants to buy stamps to start a collection, or when he wants to complete one which had been put aside for some time, he naturally turns to a catalogue to serve him as aguide for his purchases, his aim, before anything else, being quantity, and therefore buys whatever appears advantageous to him according to catalogue quotations. Laboring under the impression that he is well posted by this catalogue, he buys the stamps of Borneo, Liberia, Equador, Montenegro, Venezuela, Central America, Spanish Colonies, Serbia, Buigaria, Turkey, in one word, stamps of countries that sell their remainders, which can always be bought at enormous discounts from catalogue quotations, e. g., for one franc what is priced 5 or 6 francs, at any rate, at a minimus discount of 50 or 60 per cent.

But what happens if he wishes to complete seriouss countries, countries which never issue reprints or demonitize their stamps? He is surprised when full catalogue or oven more is asked, or when the largest discount he can obtain is 40 per cent. It is then that the collector learns that the stamps which he bought at a discount of 50 or 60 per cent, or even more, are far from worth their prices given in the catalogue, and the not infrequent result is that he ceases to be a collector and tries to dispose of his collection. Then comes the final disillusion; what has cost him five or six thousand france, he finds difficult to dispose of for one thousand france; from the stamp lover that he was, he truns into an anti-philatelist, a sworn enemy of whatever is connected with stamps for collecting purposes, and what is worse, by his propaganda he prevents new collectors from continuing.

First Moral: These exaggerations in catalogue quotations are pre-judical to the future of philately for the reason that they discourage many collectors.

When a serious dealer must furnish his customer with stamps he asks for, and if these stamps are of the kind that are overpriced, he can well afford, and is morally obliged, to allow a big discount on catalogue prices; but if his customer wants good stamps, smaller values, medium-priced or rare, of serious countries, good-bye to large discounts, whereupon the customer feeling slighted, goes elsewhere to buy the 50, 60 or 75 per cent discount stuff. The number of collectors who, owing to these irregularities in the pricing of stamps, are in the habit of buying from dealers who make a specialty of overpriced stamps, and who care not to deviate from the 50 per cent discount basis, is very large, which fact is very detrimental to serious and honest business.

A real dealer is obliged to have everything in stock, rare, medium and common stamps, stamps that are overpriced as well as those that are underpriced, stamps of serious countries and those of undesfrable governments, demonitized stamps, etc., but on account of catalouge anomalies, he cannot

give a uniform discount. It is with difficulty that collectors realize the truth of this assertion which often causes the loss of customers to the dealer, the result of which is:

Second Moral: In the interest of all serious dealers it is indispensable to put a check to these fantastic catalogue quotations so as not to be any longer at the mercy of a single publisher of a catalogue, who, thanks to the facility at his disposal to price very high that of which he has quantities, and to price very low that which he has not, is the only one who profits by these purposely made irregularities in catalogue quotations.

It is for the purpose of putting an end to this really intolerable abuse, that we, for the benefit of the dealer and collector alike, have courageously started a campaign with the object of having a real catalogue published, and that we have participater in the formation of the "Ligue Philatelique Universelle" (Universal Philatelique Universelle" (Universal Philatelique Universile" (Universal Philatelique Susciation), which society will keep every collector posted of whatever he ought to know. This association is aiready active, and within a short time it will make itself heard. As to the catalogue, I believe that the one which is now being compiled with the collaboration of prominent dealers and advanced collectors will fulfulf the necessary requirements so as to truly merit the name CATALOGUE. It will serve as a vertable guide to collectors, at the same time it will be very useful to dealers in their sales.

### DENVER NOTES .- By Maitland Milliken.

Denver postoffice has the 5c, 10c and 15c parcel post stamps on sale at writing. Several of the local boys are fortunate possessors of the U. S. 12c pe forated 10 in that rade shade—mahogany—obtained from a posteffice "some-where" in Nebraska.

It is expected that a number of philatelists will visit Denver and various Colorado points of interest this summer. Dr. W. I. Mitchell of Wichita, Kan-888, has promised to look in upon the local philatelists.

Members of the local philatelic society will be pleased to meet any visitor and we would like to know in advance of their coming visit.

The society's auction sale held on May 11th was a success, and the boys enjoyed the sessoin immensely. A number of mail bids were received. Here's hoping we will have another sale soon.

A foreigner here has a 27 pa Moldavia 1854 stamp on a piece of paper with bluish postmark thereon. It is caltalogued at \$300. However, it is a clever counterfeit, so beware of it, if it emanates from Denver.

The collecting of the government issued postal and letter cards is a fiscinating pursuit. There is said not to be over 6,000 different cards, and the rarest one catalogued at 875. A great many cards are now catalogued very low and have struck their bottom and will gradually advance in value. Outside of a very few common cards, they are hard to get hold of, as stamp collectors do not save them. There is always a market for them.

A local collector is starting to collect cards, having over 100 to begin with. You correspondent has 2,700 varieties in his private collection, and is looking for more to add.

There is a new lexic U. S. reply card, green on cream. The stamps are the same, but the borders around the inscriptions are different.

The 1c Lincoln 1911, rose on cream, and 1913, green on cream, are dainty little cards and very uncommonly met with. They are especially handy for library index carding systems, being 75x125 millimetres in size

### A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY.—By Bertram W. H. Poole. (Continued from last issue.)

Bayern—The name by which the kingdom of Bayaria is known to its inhabitants and which, of course, appears on its postage stamps.

Bayonne City Dispatch—A local post operating in the city of Bayonne, New Jorsey, in 1883, and in connection with which a special 1c stamp and 1c envelope were issued.

- B. C. A.—The first stamps used in British Central Ffrica—from 1891 to 1898—consisted of the stamps of the British South Africa Company over-printed with the letters "B. C. A." These stamps were used in northern Rhodesia and Nyasa, but when special stamps were issued their use was confined to the latter territory, which was renamed the British Central Agrica Protectorate. In 1908 the name of the territory was again changed and is now known as the Nyasaland Protectorate.
- B. C. M.—These initials, signifying "British Consular Malifi," appears upon the stamps issued as Antananarivo, Madagascar, by the British vice-consul in March, 1884.
- B. D.—An overprint found upon certain South Australian stamps used between 1868 and 1874 on the correspondence of the "Barracks Department." They were superseded in 1874 by the general issue for all official departments overprinted with the letters "O. S."

Beaufort House Essays—The name given to certain essays or proposals for adhesive labels proposed and suggested by Mr. Chas. Whiting prior to the introduction of postage stamps in Great Britain in 1840. The late Mr. Chas. Whiting was a well-known printer with an establishment in Savoy, London, known as Beaufort House. In the specimens of bi-colored labels, printed by the Congreve method, the name "Beaufort House" is introduced and the term "Beaufort House Essays" may be used in reference to these in particular or to Mr. Whiting's productions in general.

Beaumont—One of the chief cities in the state of Texas, having a population of over 20,000. In 1861 the then postmaster of this city issued special 10c stamps for the prepayment of postage and these remained in use until they were superseded by the general issue for the Confelerate States.

Bechuanaland Protectorate - A vast stretch of territory north of British Bechuanaland, South Africa, having an area of about 275,000 square miles. It is bounded on the east by the Transvaal, on the north by Rhodesia and the Zambesi, and on the west by German Southwest Africa. The population of about 200,000 is almost entirely a native one, the chief tribes being the Bakathla, under Chief Lenchwe; the Bakweni, under Chief Sepele; the Bangwaketsi, under Chief Bathlien; the Bamalete, under Chief Mokgosi; the Sekoma, under Chief Batawana; and the Bamangwato, under the Christian and enlightened Chief Khama. The high commissioner for South Africa has the power of making laws by proclamation for the protectorate, and he is represented by a resident commissioner. The headquarters of the protectorate administration are at Mafeking, Cape Colony. The resident commissioner superintends the native thiefs who rule under the tribal system. A hut tax is collected and no licenses for the sale of spirits are allowed. The principal European centers are Gaberones, Franciscown, and Serowe, the capital, whither Chief Khama and all his people moved a few years ago from Falapye. The

first postage stamps for use in the protectorate were issued in August, 1888,

Beckman's Post—A semi-official carrier service established in Charlestown, South Carolina, in 1860. The post was operated by Mr. John C. Beckman, and it was a continuation of the one established by Mr. Honour in 1849. A 2c stamp was issued in connection with this post and though the service was not discontinued until 1856, the stamp is of the greatest rarity.

Belem, Silvestre Correi—A Portuguese artist who designed the 10 reis

Beigie Posterijen—An inscription shown on the Belgian stamps of 1891-95, being the Flemish equivalent of "Postes Belgique" which appears on the same labels. These words of course mean "Belgique" post."

Belguique—The French designation of Belgium which appears on all the stamps of that country issued since 1869.

Belgium—A small country in central Europe lying between France, Prussiand the Netherlands. It has an area of 11,373 square miles and a population exceeding seven millions. Flemish and French are the languages spoken, both being now on an official equality, and for this reason the name of the country is expressed on its stamps as Belgie (Flemish) and Belgique (French). The kingdom was in ancient:times inhabited by the Belgae—a Celtic speaking German tribe—and formed part of the "Gallia Belgica" of the Romans. In 1815 the country was joined to the kingdom of the Netherlands, an arrangement which was upset by the revolution of 1830. On October 4th, 1830, a national congress proclaimed its independence and on June 4th, 1831, Prince Leopold of Saxe Coburg was chosen hereditary king. The first postage stamps for Belgium were issued on July 18t, 1849.

Benadir—An Italian protectorate established over that part of Solamiland between the river Djouba and British Somaliland. The territory was at first administered by "La Societa Anoma Commerciale Italiana del Benadir," with its headquarters at Milan, under an agreement with the Italian government. The Company had to pay tribute to the Sultan of Zanzibar and amalier annuities to the Sultans of Obbia and Alula, and they also, agreed to establish a postal service. This post was not in working order until November 1, 1993, and in connection therewith a set of seven stamps was issued. The administration of the Company was so unsatisfactory that from the 15th of March, 1905, the Italian government took over its government and gave the colony the name of "Somalia, Italiana Meridionale" ((Italian Southern Somalia.) Under an arrangement with Great Britain, Italy took definite possession of the ports of Benadir, over which it possessed only certain rights, on payment to the government of Zanzibar of the som of £144, 000 sterling.

Bengasi.—A seaport in Tripoli, north of Africa, usually known as Benghazi. It has a population of about 21,000. For some time the italian government has had a consular office at this town, which transacts postal business. In 1901, a special 1 plastre stamp was issued for the use of this office, this being formed by overprinting the contemporary 25 cent stamp of Italy with "Bengasi—1 plastre 1" in two lines. The town is of ancient origin, and was named Berenice when founded, in honor of the wife or Ptolemy II.

Benin.—A French colony on the coast of the court of Benin, West Africa, which is now included in the colony of Panomey. Postage stamps for the use of this territory were first issued in 1892, French stamps of the "Commerce" type being Cyerprinted "BENIN" for the purpose. In 1893, a set bearing the name "GOLFE DE BENIN" was issued, followed by another in

(To be Continued.)

### A DEAL IN RARE STAMPS.—By Arthur Irwin Smith. (Continued from last issue.)

Continuing their conversation lightly, the two walked away from the steamship company's offices, through the old French Market, and on down Royal street for several blocks. At an unpretentious lodging house, Rojas turned aside, and bowed Wayland in with considerable ceremony. Taking a seat in the reception hall, Wayland waited while the Mexican stepped quickly into his bed room to secure the specimens of which he had spoken.

Quickly returning, Rojas opened a little blank book and displayed dozens and dozens of the rarest Constitutionalistas issues of Mexico. Wayland almost gasped in surprise. At prevailing prices among leading dealers and rich collectors of New York, they represented thousands of dollars.

"I would sell the lot," declared Rojas. "I need the money; our First Chief, Senor Carranza, needs money to carry on war against the cursed Hueralstas."

"What do you want for them?" asked Wayland.

"Five hundred dollars in gold," said Rojas. "It is a sacrifice for my beloved country."

Wayland began some rapid calculations. His savings netted only three hundred dollars, Frank Gillette would lend him fifty more, perhaps, and his father possibly would spare the remainder. With ordinary good fortune in selling he should be able to double or treble his money. "I might be able to take the lot," he told Rojas. "I will call again late this afternoon, if it suits you."

"At any hour, Senor Burgess," said Rojas, bowing,

Wayland's plans worked smoothly. "You're perfectly welcome to the use of my money," declared Frank, "but you'd better be sure what you're getting from that greaser."

Wayland merely smiled. "Greaser" was hardly a fit name for a man of Rejas' education and apparent culture.

"Watchout Wayland," said Mr. Burgess, when he wrote out a check for the amount Wayland asked. "I know you have plenty of judgment about this stamp business, but the best of these Mexicans are smooth and tricky."

Wayland smiled to himself confidently. He deposited the extra sums to his credit at the bank, then drew one check for five hundred in his own name, payable to "Cash."

Rojas answered his ring at the door. The Mexican seemed in an unaccountable state of nervousness, which he was trying to conceal and evidently believed he had succeeded in his efforts. Wayland took out his French glass and examined the stamps closely. They seemed to contain every mark of the genuine. He reached into his pocket for the check and looked it over to see that no mistake had been made.

At that instant the door to the hall-way was hurriedly opened. Rojas grabbed the check from Wayland's hand and ran to the rear. The door opened, and a long revolver barrel was pointed at the excited Mexican. "Hands up," said a gruff voice. The man coming in at the front covered Wayland. "Hands up," he ordered.

Wayland obeyed with alacrity. "Here he is," said the man, who was evidently the reader. T "Senor Barros?" he asked.

"Who are you?" asked the assistant.

Wayland told him briefly, and explained his transaction with the Maxican. Man howered his gun and smiled. "Vours a lucky boy," he said. "This Senor Barros is the most dangerous counterfeiter ever loosed on the American continent. Aside from duplicating three different American gold serialcates, he has counterfeited the postage stamps of a dozen different countries. I have no doubt but that the ones you mention are entirely bogus. He probably saw your ad in the papers and deliberately set out to trick you. Those counterfeits are worthless."

"Give the boy his check, Rojas," commanded the man at the rear.

"Yes, Senor Hayes," bowed Rojas.

So this was Hayes, the city's famous police captain! He turned to Wayland. "Son, if you want to invest that five hundred in stamps, I can put you next to a good thing." he remarked in a hind-hearted manner. "We arrested a Guatemalan here last week for being mixed up in the Canal street riots. I think he'll come clear, but he has a small collection and needs the money. Come along and I'll let you see him."

So the deal was made. Wayland pald four hundred dollars for the Guate-malan's general collection, from which he later received an even thousand. Rojas', or rather Barros' stamps weer confiscated in the interests of the Constitutionalists of Mexico, and the counterfeiter himself is now in the hands of the authorities.

Wayland repaid his father and his chum in due time, but he did not tell his adventures to them until months afterward, when all three were talking its gether on the porch of the Burgess home. "I told you so," they both cried in unison. Wayland smiled and admitted that older heads are often the wiser.

#### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

Catalogue of the Collection of Rare Coins formed by Mr. W. F. Kapp and by Mr. Horace Carr, Jr., to be sold at auction May 17 by B. Max Mehl. This catalogue, in keeping with Mr. Mehl's custom, is very handsomely gotten up One thousand four hundred and fifty-three items will be offered at this sale.

Coin and Medal Bulletin for April, Vol. 1, No. 1, was received. This is to be "A purely American numismatic magazine," and will be devoted to coins, medals and tokens of North and South America. The Bulletin fills a vacancy in numismatic pournalism, no others being devoted exclusively to American numismatics. We predict a hearty reception for this new journal by collectors everywhere. It is to be published and edited by Mr. Edgar H. Adams and Mr. Wythe Raymond, both too well to the numismatic world to require any introduction.

Fixed Price List No. 20, from St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co. This is quite an extensive list of gold, sliver and copper United States and foreign coins, paper money, etc. Collectors will find this little book very useful as a guide to prices asked for many items.

Numismatic Auction Records of B. Max Mehl shows semething of the extensive business enjoyed by this well known dealer. An idea of Mr. Mehl's auction business may be gained from the fact that, for the season 1914-1915, he disposed of 13,447 lots, on which was realized \$82,385.32.

### ANTARCTIC POSTMARKS.

### FROM THE PHILATELIC MAGAZINE OF LONDON, ENGLAND

(In our October issue we referred to a curious postmark illustrated below. Mr. J. Chamberlain, F. R. P. S. L., of Newcastle, Natal, sends us the following account of the circumstances connected with the issue.—Ed.)

The S. Y. "Aurora" was the "Australasian Antarctic Expedition" vessel-Capt, J. K. Davis, Master and incidentally second in command to Dr. (now Sir Douglas) Mawson, D. Sc. B. E. The postmark was issued to the expedition by the Authorities, the instructions being that all communications must bear the "Aurora" hand stamp, and be endorsed by the Master of the Yacht. No stamps were to be affixed to the correspondence, but in the case of your illustration, it would appear that the stamps were either carried by the ship or an individual-the latter probably-and this was passed by the Master without being endorsed, as payment had been met. There were no stamps obtainable at Macquarie Island, which is where Mawson landed a party with complete wireless outfit, and it lies 909 miles S .- S. E. of Hobart. However, I cannot believe the "Aurora" would convey the letter you referred to, as she would be southward bound and did not return by the same route, as, having left Mawson and the main party at the main base-named by them Adelie Land-the ship went westward to set down a smaller party at the western base, thereafter returning to Adelaide direct.

The letters were to be conveyed to the nearest port—generally speaking by the yacht of the expedition itself—and the postal authorities were to place sufficient stamps thereon and dispatch them to their destinations. The Expedition was to be ultimately charged with the cost of postage incurred in this way.

My copies both bear the "Aurora" hand-stamp and "Posted in Antarotica," but not "Posted at Macquarie Island" (this latter would be for the use of the partwy left at Macquarie Island only). As no stamps were available, the hand-stamp appears on the cover, the postmarks of ports being struck over the stamps affixed by the authorities—in one case Christchurch, N. Z., dated 9th Aug. 12; and in the other, Hobart, Tas., dated 11th

It will be seen by this, which I can guarantee as authentic information received by me from the Official Representative of the British Antarctic is certainly an official franking-stamp, otherwise the letters would not have been distinguishable from ordinary unpaid correspondence and would have been taxed just as any other unpaid—or unfranked correspondence would be.

The Stamp Lover, of London, contains the second humorous writeup of stamps of France by G. A. Higlett. I am asking Broady to reproduce this in its entirety, for it is seldom that an article of this kind is ever written; so get out either your stamps or your catalogue, look up the number as per Scott's look at the stamp, then read. If this article don't beat a minstrel show, I am a poor guesser.

### LATIN AMERICAN NOTES-ITEMS OF INTEREST

### Cuba

Of the lower values of the recent Issues, the 3c and 8c are in great demand. The new Cuban issue is not out yet. Will it be out, until "Manana."

The higher values of Cuba are rather scarce, especially the 50c and peso values. These are as hard to get as a shave on a Sunday.

Let us get all we can.

### Ecuador

Ecuador is to have a new issue soon.

### Mexico

New surcharges, overprints, issues, etc., are being made so fast by the "Gobierno Constitucionalista," on the different Mexican stamps, that we are afraid that it will take the pace of a race horse to catch up with such speed. Besides a warehouse will not be small to keep them in.

We have heard that a new philatelic society has been formed in the City of Mexico, whose object will be to have public stamp auctions, such as are conducted in this country. This seems to be a new innovation for Latin America.

The above spoken of society, it is said, is already preparing a catalog, classifying all revolutionary stamps that have been issued. This seems a big job, but will be of great value to all philatelists interested in these stamps. Notes from Spain

Philatelists in Spain are fearing that the stamps which were to be issued in commemoration of the centennial of the great Cervantes, author of the immortal "Don Quijote," will not be issued. Although nothing definite has been decided as to whether they will be issued or not, on account of the Spanish government's decision to suspend ceremonies which were to celebrate this event, they fear that for this reason said proposed stamps will never enter a stamp album.

At the yearly general inspection of postoffices in Denmark lately, it was found that some of the offices kept quite a stock of postage stamps of older issues. The department has under consideration to annul this stock in the present fiscal year.

The Stamp Collectors Quarterly contains a good amount of reading matter, mostly all the copy being taken from the S. C. Quarterly. It looks healthy enough with ads at any rate.

Philatelic Magazine (London). This, the May number, contains plenty of good reading, especially that article on notes on the early issues of New Zealand.

The London 2d on white paper is very difficult to locate says (W. Buck-ladden, former editor of P. M.). I bought a supposed copy some time ago, which the seller described as a London print, but we were both wrong, the stamp being really S. G. No. 52. I have recently seen it stated that this stamp has a greenish tinge, and that the only way to make sure of it is to compare with a copy on blue paper. The author would like to have opinion of any person who has any knowledge of these stamps.

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BADGE WORN BY ANDREW ALEXANDER OF THE LAFAYETTE RECEPTION COMMITTEE IN 1824.

Javes and teeth of man-eating shark caught near Key Lafayette Badge sent by A. Leve-West, Florida, see write-up in next issue.





Scarce Vases and Candlestleks.



TOTAL DESCRIPTION OF STREET

F. A. Stengel collection of Marion, Ohio.



Slater's Yovelty Shop, Temple, Pa., See Ad.



Part of S. P. A. convention





Hotel Fontenelle, Omnha, Neb., said to be the finest hotel bytwee Chieago and California where the Nebruska Press Association held their Hanquet, Labor Day,







Collection of nomas Harp, Bonita, La.



See paper money Department in next issue.





Collection of S. Goodwin, Columbus Grove, Ohio.





P. H. Robison, Normal, III., and his Relics found in aorthwestern Nebraska and Wyoming. Archaelogical Bulletin.

### ART, ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTIQUES.

### EDITED BY MRS. TUTTLE, OSAGE, IOWA.

Beds of rock salt and gypsum occur in large areas in the United States. They are found in the salina rocks of New York and Pennsylvania and in other foundations of about the same age laid down in Michigan and Ohio during periods of great aridity. In southeastern Michigan, a bed of rock salt 900 feet thick is said to have been found by drill holes. Dense brines or salt deposits are found in carboniferous strata in West Virginia and other eastern states, in the "red beds" of the southwest and the Rocky mountains, in the cretaceous deposits of several of the western states and in the tertiary strata of the far southwest.—Argonaut.

The evolution of clothes is interestingly told in a recent number of the Christian Science Monitor. To sum up it is as follows: First, covering of the body with ochre; skins of animals and feathers of birds; a coarse cloth made on a primitive loom; 2,500 B. C., we have a glimpse of an Egyptian in his long flowing robes of white linen, and adorned with necklaces, bracelets and a multitude of finger rings; the old Babylonians and Assyrians used to show their rank by the length of their skirts, the laboring class wearing the shorter skirt. When horses were introduced into the Assyrian army, the long skirt gave way to a divided skirt, which eventually grew into pantaloons.

Holly is believed to have been "the Greenwod Tree" famous in the tales of Robin Hood. One of the largest holly trees now left in Great Britain stands on the property of Col. Lloyd-Verney, near Llanidloes, and is said to measure more than thirty feet in circumference.

The lighest wood is that of the Balsa tree, which grows in the West Indies and Central America. It weighs only about half as much as cork and is used for life preservers, life rafts, buoys and water signals.

Extract from the Osage orange is used as a dye in the tanning, textile and paper industry. The orange yellow, old gold, deep tan, alive and chocolate shades come from this hedge plant of the prairies.

A scaleless fish, with a head like a dog, so rare that it is now listed as the third ever captured, has been presented to the University of Washington by Miss Mabel Weller, of Gig Harbor. The species which Professor Kincaid believes distinct from any other, is known as Acrotus Willoughbyi, from an Indian agent who discovered the first one and sent it to the National museum at Washington in 1887. The second specimen was obtained by the University of Washington some time ago. The third, alone, is in perfect condition.

The shipment of whole plants for breeding or experimental purposes, with the attendant danger of carrying plant diseases and insect pests, can be obviated in many cases by shipping only the pollen from such plants. Pollen from citrus trees has been sent in cold storage from Florida to California and recently a shipment was successfully made from Washington, D. C. to Japan. The anthers were sealed in glass tubes from which the air was exhausted. Some of the tubes after the exhaustion of the air were dried with sulphuric acid.

The Sawtooth national park, which will come into existence if the present session of congress passes a bill that has been introduced, is a remarkable tract of 145,000 acres in the Sawtooth range of Idaho, a mountain country said

closely to rival Yosemite in the grandeur of its beauty.

The musk ox is fast becoming extinct. It is found on the shores of the Arctic ocean in the Mackenzie district. Eskimos hunt the musk ox, which is very gentle and easily taken. The pelts are shipped by canoe and dog team down to the fur-trading posts of the Canadian west.

### A VISIT TO THE MAGNESITE MINES OF CALIFORNIA BY GEORGE J. REMSBURG

The winter of 1913:14 I spent in Tulare county, California, in the beautiful and famous "Valley of the Sunny San Joaquin." and while there I visited the magnesite mines in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains, on many occasions, and secured many pretty specimens of this mineral. At that time the mines were not in operation, but the war in Europe, and the consequent suspension of magnesite production in Austria and Greece, has since caused at flood of orders on the California magnesite mills from all over the United States, the mines in Tulare county being the only commercially poducing ones in operation in this country.

My early morning hikes across the magnificent valley through hundreds of acres of orange groves then laden with golden fruit while mocking hirds and meadow larks were carolling on every hand, and the sun peeping above the snowy crests of the sublime Slerras, constituted some of the most pleasurable experiences of my life, and ones that will never be forgotten. The mines, which are situated seveal miles northeast of Porterville, where I made my headquarters, have their openings or outlets well towards the summits of the first range of foothills, and the magnesite that has been thrown out of these shafts has left long ulveous streaks down the hillsides that can be seen from all over the adjacent valley. A climb up to the shafts is tedlous, but once among the glossy specimens, sparkling in the sunlight, one soon forgets the weariness of the long and steep as ent. Spread before you is a bed of the white mineral that at once reminds you of a great mass of taffy candy, so closely does it resemble this production of the confectioner's art. It is broken up like macadam so that one can secure any size of specimens he desires without the use of the geologist's hammer. Intermingled in this argent accamulation are many specimens of a pinkish and other color. In fact, there is such a variety of form and color in this geological treasure-trove that one is apt to overload himself and have to cache a goodly portion of his burden before he can accomplish the homeward journey, as I did, very reluctantly, on the occasion of my first visit to the mines.

Magnesite, or magnesium carbonate, is largely used in bleaching of wood pulp in the manufacture of print paper, and also enters into the composition of artificial marble and various kinds of floor compositions and plasters. Supplies of magnesite in Tulare county are practically unlimited, and there are a number of deposits upon which no exploitation work has been done as yet. In a future article I will tell of visits to the old chrysophase mines and granite quarries in the same district.

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#### NOTES

The Carranza currency is at present down to -2 cents the dollar or peso. if it is recognized at all as money by American banks. When Carranza was recognized as head of the Mexican government his currency was worth 10 cents on the dollar, but has gradually declined ever since.

Nearly three-quarter million Shakespeare commemorative medals have been sent from England to Canada to be sold for the "Red Cross Fund." The souvenir has been issued to commemorate the death of Shakespeare 300 vears ago.

The largest check ever issued in New York, passed through the New York Clearing House recently. It was issued by J. P. Morgan & Co. on the National Bank of Commerce for the sum of \$70,000,000, and was in connection with the Canadian loan of \$75,000,000.

An international commission, appointed to discuss monetary questions, has recently been assembled at Buenos Aires, Argentine, and was organized as a permanent body. Secretary of Finance McAdoo was elected president of the board; John Basset Moore, vice president, and Dr. L. S. Row, e secretary, In a report to the United States goernment, the secretary mentions that the commission decided on a Pan-American money of account unity, equal to onefifth of a United States gold dollar.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

100. L. V. P., Olathe, Kansas: What is the value of Bank of Granville (Ohio) notes, face \$2 and \$5, also Mechanics Bank of Memphis (Tenn.), for \$3?

Answer: At present, we have no price list of broken bank notes. Write some dealer. Possibly some of our readers will furnish you the desired information.

101. S. M., New York: What is the value of 1883 nickel without word, "Cents?"

Answer: Ten to 25 cents.

102. Canada: I have a 1902 Canadian half dollar with head side upright and reverse down, and 1910 half dollar head side up, reverse up also. Is this irregularity usual in Canadian coins?

Answer: We believe not, though the editor of this department is not an authority on Canadian coins, by any means. Will some of our readers kindly inform us on this matter?

103. H. T. F., Oakland, Calif.: Where can I dispose of a collection of coins?

Answer: Advertise them in West, or list them with some reliable dealer, 104. B. T., Coliege Park, Georgia: (a) What is the value of U. S. 2-cent 1864? (b) 5 cents 1869? (c) 1 cent 1864? (d) 1 cent 1837? (e) Half dime 1843? f) Cent of 1862? (g) Cent of 1847? (h) Half cent 1834? (i) 1854, 3-cent, sliver? (j) 1863. one cent? (k) V. D. B. cent? (l) 50 cents, 1855? (m) 1859 cent? (n) 1839 dime? (o) 1864 cent? (p) 1863 cent? (q) Indian shead cent? (r) 1865 cent? (s) Mexican cent, 1904? (t) What are the enclosed rubbings? (u) Are any of the buffalo nickels worth more than face? (v) I think it would be appreciated if you would publish a list of more re-cent coins that bring a premium. I would appreciate such a list. Can you advise me as to where I could get one?

Answer: (a) With small motto, 25 cents to \$3; with large motto, 5 cents. (b) 10 to 40 cents. (c) 15 to 35 cents. (d) Plain hair cord, large letters, 5 to 50 cents; same, small letters, 5 to 65 cents; beaded hair cord, 5 to 75 cents. (e) 20 to 35 cents. (f) 5 to 25 cents. (g) 5 to 40 cents. (h) 25 cents to \$1.50... (l) 15 cents to \$1.50... (l) Copper nickel, 5 to 20 cents; bronze, \$3 to \$4... (k) Look through your back numbers of West. We have answered this several times. (l) 75 cents to \$1.25... (m) 5 cents to \$3... (n) 20 to 50 cents. (o) Answered above. (p) Answered above. (q) 15 to 75 cents. (f) 5 cents to \$6... (s) 1 to 2 cents. (t) One is a Belgian coin, the other Bengal. (d) No. we have answered this many times. Of course, proofs are worth a little above face. (v) We have not the space to publish a list of this kind. If you will glance through the advertising section of this issue, you will glance chrough the advertising section of this issue, you will see several coin catalogues offered.

106 E. L. C., Honoluiu, T. H.: (a) What is the value of the bronze one cent, Kamchamehi III.? (b) 5-cent nickei Hawaii? (c) Hawaii 10-cent, silver? (d) 25 cents, silver? (e) 50 cents silver? (f) One dollar, silver?

Answer: (a) 35 to 75 cents. (b) We have no catalogue naming a value. (c) 20 to 50 cents. (d) 50 to 75 cents. (e) \$1 to \$1.25. (f) \$2 to \$3.

107. 11 C. A. Columbia, Mo: (a) What is the value of an English sixpence of 1689? (b) A 960 rels, Brazil, 1813? (c) Maximillian dollar, 1866? Answer: (a) \$1.25 to \$2. (b) \$1.75 to \$2.05. (c) 75 cents to \$1.

108. J. E. W., Calla, Ohio.: (a) What is the value of a cent of 1833? (b)

1845? (c) 1847? (d) 1853? (e) Cuban paper 5-cent?

all Answers (a) 15 cents to \$3.50. (b) 10 cents to \$1.75. (c) 75 cents to \$1.251 (d) 5 to 30 cents. (e) 8 to 10 cents.

book? The book is a second of the second of

Answer: From any dealer advertising them in this issue of the West.

The hammer with which Henry Villard, former president of the Northern' Pacific railroad, on the 8th of September, 1883, two miles west of Garrison, Mont., droys the last spike on the rail that connected the eastern and western analyses of the new system, was recently presented to the Minnesota Hisacorical Society by William E. Mowrey, St. Paul. England of these translations.

of the hammer is of steel, with gold ornaments. Among those present at the opening of the Northern Pacific railroad, nearly 33 years ago, were a U. S. Grant, Henry Teller, William M. Evarts, and the British and German ambassadors.

### SOME NOTES FOR WEAPON COLLECTORS .- By George J. Remsburg.

Henry Hoffman, chief deputy county marshal of Kansas City, Mo., has become the owner of a "six shooter" which Cole Younger carried in his days of outlawdy. It was bequeathed to Mr. Hoffman by the former bandit, who died recently. The revolver is of the long heavy pattern carried by the plainsmen and crack pistol and revolver shots of forty years ago. It has an ivory handle and in its time was a handsome weapon

The Baltimore American recently printed an interesting article entitled, "From Matchlock to Modern Rifle; Development of Military Small Arms Since the Battle of Creey, Fought in 1346."

Airships equipped with machine guns run a certain degree of risk from an explosion caused by the flame at the muzzle of the gun. Hence considerable study has been devoted to obviating this danger. This has now been accomplished by a young Florentine chemist named Guido Fei. He is said to have recently given a demonstration before an Italian military commission of a new powder invented by him which burns without either flame or smoke and does not flare up on detonation. While specially useful for the guns of aircraft, it will be of value in artillery and infantry engagements from the fact that it will not betray the firing line on the enemy.

The use of burning and asphyxiating chemicals can be traced back to the time of a Greek writer of 360 B. C., one Aeneas by name, says Med. Inspr. George A. Lunge, U. S. N., in a pamphlet on "Asphyxiating Gases as a Wespon in Wartare," which was read originally at the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Association of Military Surgeans of the United States, held at Washington last September. He traces the development of Greek fre, which appears to have had certain of the asphyxiating effects of the gases introduced into the present war by the Germans, and remarks that during our own Civil War an inventive genius suggested that Petersburg might be captured by firing into it shells doaded with snuff, which would paralyze the Confederate garrison by an epidemic of violent sneezing.—Army and Navy Journal.

It takes three months to make a shrapnel shell. Such a projectile has the form of a cylinder, which by the help of a time fuse, blows its head off at the instant desired, scattering 250 or more lead bullets. The smallest size used by the United States for the three-inch guns—such guns, as well as howitzers, are employed for firing shrapnel—costs \$9.

A. J. Watson, a veteran of Topeka, Kans., has a Confederate cannon ball that he uses as good-stop. He was a member of Company D, 116th Illinois Infantry. The ball was the first and only shot thrown at his regiment from across the Missispip river while they were digging a canal in front of Vicksburg. The bas struck a dredge at work behind Mr. Watson and his comrades, went through and burled itself under four feet of dirt in the bank. Mr. Watson dug it got and brought it back.

Among the thousands of relics in the National museim there are few objects more replete with historical interest than a certain Reringer riffe,

catalogue ... o. 9509. The riffe was used by Col. David Crockett of Alamo fame, and also was the weapon fired by William J. Graves in the duel with Jonathan Gilley, resulting in the death of the latter. It was made about one hundred years ago, and the curator of the division of technology says it is an exceedingly well made and finely finished gun, being still in excellent condition. It is a .4-caliber, muzzle-loading, sporting rifle; the oetagon rifled barrel is 45 inches long, and fitted with a full stock of curly maple, plain open sights, a percussion lock, and a "set" trigger. Col. Wright Rives. U. S. A., who has deposited the rifle in the museum, says it was made for his father, John Cook Rives, by Henry Reringer, celebrated for manufacturing superior frearms, particularly the well-known pocket pistol known as the deringer.

Peter MacQueen, war correspondent and lecturer, who has seen a comparatively large part of the wars in the last twenty years, says that the really worth while guns and fightling devices used in the present war are the products of the inventive genius of Americans. The best rapid fire gun in use in the war is that of the Belgians. With that gun, which fires 600 shots a minute and has a solf-cooling barrel, the Belgians have prevented the Germans from advancing their big guns to within fighting range, he said. That gun, however, was invented by an American, he said. He took it before the "highbrows" of Washington, according to MacQueen. But the gun had a "cooling barrel" instead of a "pork barrel" and the United States government refused to accept the proposal. The gun next was offered for use to the Germans, but the kaiser would not accept it unless he could buy the gun outright. The Belgians were willing to accept Lewis' terms.

Sir George Reid, the Australian high commissioner, is a crack shot with a revolver.

President Poincare of France personally attends all the trial tests of the new French guns.

L. T. Phillips, of Lawrence, Kans., has on display there, a collection of relics, among which are two flint lock guns and two pistols used in Revolutionary times, and a powder horn that belonged to Nathaniel Bostwick, Wash-Ington's secretary.

What is said to be one of the largest buffalo heads in the country now is on display in the show window of the Weigel Furniture company. The head is the property of Franz Bauer, and, according to experts, is the finest specimen known. The massive head was purchased by the Anheuser-Busch Brewing association, St. Louis, to be used for decorative purposes in the prewery. It was found it would not be needed and was offered for saie here when the car containing it and a number of other specimens passed through from the Panama-Pacific exposition, where it had been on display. It was purchased at a large price by Bauer for the Buffalo saloon. Friends prevailed upon Bauer to display the head in a downtown window so women and children would have an opportunity of seeling it.—St. Joseph Clipping.

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### WAMPUM .- By M. Sorensen.

In "The Philatelic West" for May is a mention of wampum, and a request for more details about that kind of money. Here is what I am able to tell about it.

When exploring parties penetrated to Long Islaud Sound, they found along its coasts tribes of Indians far more civilized than those who had been met farther north. The cause or identification of their superiority was that they had a circulating medium. This consisted of beads of two kinds, one white, made out of the end of a periwinkle shell, and the other black, made out of the black part of a clam shell. These beads were rubbed down and polished as articles of ornament, and arranged in strings or belts into jewelry, being objects of real beauty when the colors were artistically combined. These beads and bells were used by the Indians themselves as money, and were real money. They regarded one black bead as worth two white. This money was called wampumpeag, or wampum, or peag.

The colonists began to use it first for exchanges with the Indians, and then among themselves. It was first made legal tender for 12d in Massachusetts, but by custom it became the prevailing currency: The white man also proved his superiority by counterfeiting it. A faihom or belt of wampum consisted of 360 beads. One fathom of white would buy furs which were valued at 5s sterling, and one fathom of black would buy furs worth 10c Six white beads, were worth 1 penny, 3 black beads 1 penny. The unit seems to have been the fathom, consisting of 360 white beads.

The early settlers of New England easily fell into using wampum, as it was redeemable in beaver skins, which were in constant demand in Europe. In Connecticut it was decreed in 1648 that wampum should be "strung suitable and not small and great uncomely and disorderly mixt as formerly it hath been."

In Massachusetts was wampum first made legally receivable for debts to the amount of 12d only. In 1641 the limit was raised to £10, but only for two years. It was then reduced to 40s. The use of wampum money extended southward as far as Virginia.

The decline of the beaver trade brought wampum money into disrepute. When it ceased to be exchangable in large sums for an article of international trade the basis of its value was gone. Moreover it was extensively counterfeited, and the white beads were turned into the more valuable black ones by dyeing. Nevertheless it lingered in the currency of the colonies as small change till the early years of the eighteenth century.

For the Indians, wampum was a satisfactory currency. It was manufactured largely at the eastern end of Long Island, where were found "the cockles whereof wampum was made." Much labor and patience were required for its production, and "an Indian's utmost manufacture amounted only to a few pence a day." But the English settlers, with their iron implements, were able to increase the output greatly, especially after they settled upon Long Island. As a result, the wampum depreciated, so that, in 1649, Massachusetts had to prohibit its receipt in payment of taxes, although it was allowed to remain a legal tender for private debts until 1661. In countrielting and otherwise deteriorating this rude medium, the Indians seem to have learned a

few lesons from the white man, for we find that complaints came to the commissioners of the New England Confederation that "the Indian abused the English with fails badd and unfinished Peage." We find that the fault is laid at 'the Indians' door, while it really was the English making so much and so poor wampum. In 1641, complaints were made that 'very bad wampum is at present circulating here, and payment is made in nothing but rough unpollabed stuff, which is brought hither from other places," so that "the good, polished wampum, commonly called Manhattan Wampum, is whoily put out of sight and exported." Then we hear of a plague of bad wampum "of stone, bone, glass, mussle-shells, horn, yea even of broken beads and wood." And in 1559 we hear that wampum had depreciated so that the people of New Amsterdam "remain with a chestful of wampum, which is a currency utterly valueless, except among New Netherland Indians only."

In spite of all such disturbances, however, this rude money continued to be used more or less in New York as late as 1701.

#### NOTES .- By M. Sorenson.

Miss Estell A. Wood, Chicago, Ill., celebrated her 17th birthday recently, and wore on that occasion the seme dress as Mrs. Abraham Lincoln wore when Abraham Lincoln was lnaugurated as president of the United States, The dress was made by a female slave on the great Trouville plantation, mear New Orleans.

Miss Wood's father bought the dress not long ago of Mrs. John T. Grems-leys, Springfield, Ill., who was one of Mrs. Lincoln's bridesmaids. Mrs. Lincoln presented her with it when she left for Washington.

On Matt. Flynn's farm, near Dorchester, Allamakee Co., Ia., was recently found the petrified parts of a mastadon. Some of the bones crumbled to pieces, while other parts were quite intact. A shoulder blade, 3 feet in length and 2 feet in width; and some of the teeth found were so large that a blacksmith's tongs would not be large enough to pull them.

The place is along Bear Creek, in the northeastern part of the state, where pottery and other relics have been found. There are also several mounds in the vicinity.

Oscar R. Coast, of lowa City, Ia., now in California, where he is painting, has laid the foundation for a museum of archaeological art, at lowa university. He has donated to the institution, through Prof. C. H. Weller, the head of the department of archaeology, all of his curlos of that type, collected uning many years. The collection will embrace Greek silver coins, Roman bronze coins, Byzantine pictures, Etruscan and Egyptian art works. A carved front of a Florentine Trussean chest of the fifteenth century is a feature.

J. A. Russell, who has a ranch at Lampasas, Texas, is perhaps the oldest gold hunter in the United States. Despite his 104 years, he is hunting gold, which he believes is buried on his ranch. He began to hunt gold as a forty-niner in California, and he has not quit yet.

"I am good for ten years yet," said he, "and I am going to hunt for gold until I die."

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Christ of the Andes is an imposing monument, erected by Chile and Argentine on the boundary between those two countries up in the Andes. In 1900, a boundary dispute arose between the two countries, and for some time war was threatened. However, this was averted, the dispute was settled, and 12 years ago this monument was erected as evidence of eternal friendship between the two nations. An inscription on the monument reads: "Sooner shall these mountains crumble into dust than Argentines and Chileans break the peace to which they have pledged themselves at the feet of Christ the Redeemer." A picture of the monument is reproduced on some of the stamps of these countries.

### FAMOUS AMERICAN FLAGS NOT IN MUSEUMS,—SENT BY COWELL. (Continued from last issue.)

A large flag bearing thirty-five stars, always prominently displayed in Washington on great national days, belongs to Mr. H. A. Willard, son of the late Henry A. Willard, former landlord of the old Willard Hotel of Washington. In 1861 this flag hung from Willard's Hotel during the three anxious days when the City of Washington was practically cut off from the North and was, to all intents and purposes, in the hands of Southern sympathizers.

Citizens generally had taken down their Union flags. There was none to be seen flying during these three days on any building in the capital with the exception of those on the government departments and this historic emblem of Old Glory. Mr. Willard was implored to withdraw his flag as a measure of personal precaution, but declined to do so.

Mrs. Isabel Worrell Ball, of Washington, who has spoken and written extensively upon the American flag, as well as labored abundantly in the interest of a national law to prevent its desceration, is the owner of several flags of particular interest. One of these is a large United States flag which was taken from the Confederate vessel Black Warrior, in the fight at Elizabeth City. February 10, 1882.

This skirmish occurred just after the work of the navy at Roanoke Island, a gallant stand at Eliabeth City, where they thought they could guard the apnoke Island the Confederates collected the remnants of their forces and made a gallant stand at Elizabeth Cty., where they thought they could guard the approaches to the Dismal Swamp canal. With a number of the large ships of their flottlight the Black Warrior was burned.

While it was burning, William F. Gragg, who was an officer on board the Whitehead, which gave chase to the Black Warrior, was ordered to board the latter, put out her fires, guide her into deep waters and take charge. He boarded the vessel, but had no means of extinguishing the fire, which had gained headway. Looking about to see what he could find, the flag in question was the one thing which attracted his gaze.

It was spread out upon a cabin table, where the officers could see it. Seizing it, he left the ship, which rapidly burned to the water's edge and sank. Later the ensign was used upon the General Putnam and upon the Young Rover in several conflicts.

How this flag, containing thirty-two small stars, with one large star in the center, could have found its way into a Confederate vessel is a mystery, but it is Captain Gragg's belief that the officers of the Black Warrior joined the Confederacy after they had received their education at Annapolis and could not quite give up the old flag, and that it was kept in sight for sentimental reasons.

The owner of another interesting Civil War banner showing thirty-five stars is William O. Butler, of Washington, who inherited it from his father, the late W. S. Butler, M. D., of Philadelphia, founded of the Medical and Surgical Reporter. It was used by him while he was resident physician of the insane department of the Philadelphia Hospital, and was saluted by the wounded soldiers who passed in ambulances on their way to Satterlee Hospital in West Philadelphia, and hung at half-mast at the time of the death of Lincoln Dr. Butler, with a number of other physicians, offered his services when there was a call for Philadelphia physicians after the battle of Antietam, and he was a member of the Home Guards of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Ball was also instrumental in restoring last year to the State of Indiana two worn and tattered battle flags which had been lost to sight for half a century, having been in the private possession of the family of the officer with whose war service they were connected. The two flags, made by the women of Lafayette, Ind., at the outbreak of the Civil War, were presented to the regiment, through Lieutenant Colonel M. B. Taylor, by Colonel Oliver P, Morton when the Tenth Indiana Infantry started to the front. When the regiment was mustered out of service at Indianopolis in 1864 the regimental flags were returned to the State of Indiana.

A short time afterward, at the request of the regiment, Governor Morton presented the battle flags to acting Colonel Taylor. After the death of the latter the flags were cared by his son, Dr. William Taylor, a Spanish War veteran. A little over a year ago Dr. Taylor, in evident ill health, requested this lover of historic flags to accept as a gift the war-worn banners of the Tenth Indiana regiment.

One of the interesting flags owned by a private individual is in the possession of "Captain" Cynthia Dunn, of Blount County, Tenn., now living in Denver, Colo. Its history is unique. Cynthia Dunn was the sister of Major R. H. Dunn, of the Third Tennessee regiment, and she, with a number of other loyal women, organized themselves together to make flags for use in the war. Becoming intensely interested, they undertook to make a district flag, to be used on any special occasion at home. As the young women worked upon the battle flags and upon their home flag their ardor grew, and they determined to organize themselves for home defense, the spirited Cynthia Dunn being made captain of the company.

When these loyal women heard of Sherman's coming to the relief of Burnside at Knoxville they gathered together and with their flag started out to meet the soldiers. Captain John T. Gunn, Past Commander of the Department of the Kentucky G. A. R., recently told of his encounter with this company of women.

"It was in December, 1863," he said, "when I was a first lieutenant in the Union Army, that, as we marched in the direction of Maryville, Tenn., my company was the advance guard of Sherman's army. In the distance, through the trees, we saw a company of cavalry aproaching. Think-ing it to be a scouting party from Longstreet's command, we three out skirmishers and prepared for battle. As the cavalry came nearer we discerned the Stars and Stripes. When it came into full view we found it to be a company of women.

"It fell to my lot to go forward and salute them. Their commander informed me that they were the Loyal Home Guards, and, she added, "My name is Cyntha Dunn, and I am from Blount County, Tenn." She drew her company in line by the roadside and as our army marched past every command gave her a salute, and hour after hour their cheering could be heard.

### Gives Up Buffalo Business-(From Los Angeles Times.)

Buffalo Jones, a famous guide, who of late years has made preservation of the buffalo his mission in life, declares Americans aren't enough interested in the bison to make it worth his while, and that he intends now to live in Canada and breed cattle. This is a cross between the buffalo and the cow which may as large a percentage of one or the other as the breeder may see fit to have it.

No two finger mails an a person's hands grow at the same rate. The nail on the middle finger grows faster than any other, while the thumb nail is the slowest growing nail. As a rule, too, the nails on the right hand grow faster than those on the left. The state of one's health, too, affects the rate of growth. The nails on invalids' hands grow considerably faster than on the hands of a healthy person. Taken on the average the rate of growth is an eighth of an inch a month or from an inch to an inch and a half a year.

Dr. Alvin W. Struse, of Philade'phia, has sailed for the Orient to "make a general survey and study of tropical diseases and of snake bites and poisons in India" for the Rockefeller institute in New York. His associate in the work will be Dr. Victor C. Hester, of the Philippine Islands, whose experience covers twenty-five years in hot climates. He was one of the founders of the Philippine general hospital. His itinerary calls for sojourns in the Hawaiian Islands, India, the Fiji Islands, the Federal states, Australia, and the Island of Ceylon, the trip to take not less than two years.

Mr. Young, of McGregor, is the possessor of what is probably one of the most unique violins in the state of Iowa. It is composed of 1,960 pieces of wood, comprising some 316 varieties, many of them valuable specimens from foreign countries. The instrument was made at a time when Mr. Young was in poor health and he kept himself employed in this way. Not only is the instrument very unique in construction but it has an uncommonly fine tone as well, and is probably one of the most remarkable violins of the kind in the state.

An Egyptian picture on canvas, done in mineral paints about three thousand years ago, was sold in New York the other day. As far as we know, it is the oldest painting on canvas in the world. It represents a scene in Thebes—seven figures in attitudes of veneration before the goddes Hathor. Until it was found in 1965, it lay for many centuries in the ruins of a temple in upper Egypt, where there was no rain, or even dampness, to dim the colors or to destroy the unbleached linen.

In Martinsville, Indiana, the quilt show which the Department Club has been holding in the Chamber of Commerce assembly room, closes tonight. A large number of quilts, many of them 75 to 115 years of age, are on exhibit and are interesting to visitors. One quilt exhibited by Mrs. Phoebe Starkey, of this city, was made by Mrs. James Caldwell, a relative, In 1819.

Mrs. Caldwell grew and spun the cotton of which the quilt is made, wove the cloth and embroidered it. Another quilt exhibited by Mrs. Marion Headley, was made by a relative of the exhibitor and required six years' leisure time to complete it. A musical program of old familiar songs will be given tonight by Mrs. J. E. Sawick, Mrs. O. A. Sweet, Messrs. Smor C. Mannan and Jasper J Albion.



### M. N. BUNKER, EDITOR, Colby, Kansas.

#### A RECORD PRICE FOR A NOVICE'S SERIAL

The highest price ever paid for the serial rights of a first novel is alleged to have been given to Peter Clark Macfarlane for his emotional and adventurous American novel, "Held to Answer," which is now appearing in Collier's weekly. Mr. Macfarlane has been a frequent and most successful contributor to the periodicals, in the capacity of a national reporter and interviewer of celebrities. His only previous book, "Those Who Have Come Beck," contained the true bibliographies of unfortunate men and women who have been rehabilitated. The hero of "Held to Answer" is John Hampstead, railroad clerk, actor and preacher, and those were the vocations of Mr. Macfarlane before he devoted himself exclusively to writing for a living. But while he has drawn somewhat on his own experiences for his first novel, the plot and characters are fictitious and the problems to be solved are universal. "Held to Answer" is "perhaps the most powerful serial that Collier's has yet offered its readers," to quote the editors of that periodical. The book will doubtless attract more than the usual attention accorded a new novelist's first effort. It was published by Little, Brown & Company early in February.

### "GLADSTONE ON THE USE OF BOOKS.

"And now I commend you again to your books. Books are delightful society. If you go into a room and find it fuil of books-every without taking them from their shelves, they seem to speak to you, tobid you welcome. They seem to tell you that they bave something: inside their covers that will be good for you, and that they are willing and desirous to impart to you. Value them much. Endeavor to turn them to good account and pray recollect this, that the education of the mind is not merely a storage of goods in the mind. The mind of man. some people seem to think, is a storehouse which should be filled with a quantity of useful commodities which may be taken out like packets: from a shop and delivered and distributed according to the o'ccasions: of life. I will not say that this is not true as far as it goes, but it goes a very little way; for commodities may be taken in, and commodities. may be taken out, but the warehouse remains just the same as it was: before, or probably a little worse. That ought not to be the case with a man's mind. No doubt you are able to cull knowledge that is useful for the temporal purposes of life, but never forget that the purpose for which a man lives is the improvement of the man himself, so that he may go out of the world having, in his great sphere or his small one. done some little good to his fellow creatures, and labored a little to diminish the sin and the sorrow that are in the world."

We have Mr. Remsburg to thank for this splendid clipping; and while we are speaking of this genial builder on the West we would again call attention to his mongraph, "An Old Kansas Indian Town on the Missouri," which is well worthy a place in the library of those who would know of this country's history—and who would not? We hope that you will each one take advantage of this opportunity to become familiar with that portion of Kansas which played such an important part in early indian life.

### ROXBURY MAN'S COPY OF PAPER 124 YEARS NOTABLE RELIC (Boston Record, May 11, 1916.)

It is not everyone—even every Bostonian—who has a copy of a Boston newspaper 124 years old. And it is perhaps not everyone who would adequately appreciate such a possession if he had it.

But this is the case with Carleton H. Maxwell of 39 Ottawa st., Roxbury, ean insurance specialist, who has a hobby for collecting historic old relics, stamps, Indian arrow heads, old coins and the like. For he is the possessor of a highly interesting and, in spots, not a little amusing, specimen of a Boston newspape, craftsmanship of the old days.

The little paper in his possession, with its four pages, of four columns each, is the Columbian Centinel—that is the way the name is spelled on the sheet itself—and was printed and published Wednesdays and Saturdays by Benjamin Russell in State st. The paper, according to Maxwell's impression, was started wome time around 1750 or thereabouts, and his copy is of or about the size of a four-page sheet of a modern Sunday magazine supplement.

The copy which he possesses is one of Saturday, June 2, 1792, being No. 24 of Vol. XVII, and there is humor in It, to the mind of the modern newspaper reader. For instance, one of its stories relates something about a coroner's verdict on the drowning of a young man apprentice to Capt. Willson of the British abig "Elizabeth," when he, went to the harbor "to bath." "The Coroner's Inquest," says the article, "brought in their verdict 'that he came to his death by misfortune."

Better still is a dentist's advertisement headed by what is said to be the symbol of the god Mercury, which conveys this information:

"Josiah Flagg jr., surgeon dentist, at the State House, Beacon st., continues him practice with useful improvements. Assistance to the poor gratis. Cash given for live teeth."

Maxwell has a collection of stamps some 200 years old, and among his old coins are some Roman coins of a time long before the time of Christ. He says that it was 124 years ago that the postoffice was moved from Cornhill to 7 State st.—Sent by Steele.

The war is making itself felt in many ways. From Denmark comes the report that the postage stamps are now printed on so poor a quality of paper that they tear in separating them. The gumming is also defective. Many of the stamps drop off in transit, and the postal department is said to derive an extra income on that account, as the receiver must pay due postage.

Not very many people know there is in use a 2c card for foreign use. Grant, rose on cream.

### COIN OR MONEY WEIGHTS AND SCALES .- By Edgar Lincoln.

These interesting coin or money weights for the weighing of gold coins. were in use from the time of Queen Elizabeth, and before that, but until then they were used for the purpose of checking the weight of the early English gold coins in currney, which owing to the practice of unscrupulous persons clipping the edges of the coins and by that means cutting away a small portform of gold and impoverishing the value of the coin. This practice continued during the use of what is termed "Hammered Money," but when the milled coins came into use, with lettering on the edges, or with milled or ornamental edges, the clipping business came to an end. Queen Elizabeth first introduced the milled coinage, these coins being perfectly circular, but too thin to have any design on edge. It was not until Oliver Cromwell struck his coins that the lettering or ornamental edges appeared, and continue to this day.

From about the Elizabethian period until the eighteenth century, or even fater, these weights were made for the convenience of merchants traveling and trading about, when selling merchandise of all kinds, and when it was necessary to accept payment in the foreign gold coins of the country where they were trading, and weighing the value of such coin to procure the approximate value in English currency.

They were also used for weighing foreign gold coins that were allowed to be in circulation in England, and the equivalent was ascertained by the use of the weights. This accounts for weights for amounts not represented in the English series of gold coins and for the odd amounts appearing on some of the weights, being in most cases to agree with weight of some foreign coin.

### Description of the Coin or Money Weights

- 1. James I. Head to right rev. XXIIs and crown above. 2. James I. Head to right rev. XIs and crown above
- 3. Arms of James I. rev. XXXIIIs and crown above.
- 4. Charles I. Head to left rev. XXs and crown above.
- 5. William III. Head to left rev. "1/2 guinea" crown and cross sceptres.
- 6. Anne. Head to left rev. "The Standard of Ireland," Is 5g, Harp above.
- George II. Head to left, by Kirk. rev. "Half a guinea's weight." 8.
- George II. Head to left, by Kirk. rev. "One guinea weight" 9.
- George II. Head to left, by Kirk. rev. "A guinea 1748."
- Arms of George I. 1718. rev. The Standard of Ireland. above.
- George III. Head to right. rev. 5 dwt. 8 gh. Crown above, countermarked.
- "Geo. III up to 1772." rev. 2 dwt. 14 gr. or 10s 3d, countermarked. 13.
- 14. "Geo. III up to the 1st of June, 1772" rev. 20s 6d or 5 dwt. 6 gr., countermarked.
- Castle. G. R. and crown. rev. coined since 1771. 5 dwt. 8 gr. 20s 10d.
- 16. Anchor countermark above 5 dwt. 8 gr. "Guinea." rev. plain.
- 17. John V of Portugal. Head to right. rev. "Four shillings and six pence."
- 18. John V of Portugal. Head to right, 1748. rev. Nine shillings.
- 19. John V of Portugal: Head to right, 1748. rev. Eighteen shillings, 20. John V of Portugal. Head, 1747, by Kirk. rev. Thirty-six shillings.
- John V of Portugal." Head, 1747, by Kirk. rev. Three pound twelve.
- 22. Joseph I of Portugal. Head, by Kirk. rev. Thirty-six shillings.
- 23. Portuguese cross with cross lets in angles. rev. 1 moidor W.

- 24. Portuguese cross with leaves in angles. rev. 1 moidore W.
- 25. Portuguese cross, leaves in angles, 1747. rev. "A quarter moldore or 6s.9d." 26. Portuguese cross, leaves in angles, 1748. rev. "A quarter of a moldore or 6s 9d."
  - \$7. Portuguese cross, leaves in angles, 1748. rev. "Half a moldore or 13s 6d."
- 18. Portuguese cross, leaves in angles, 1748. rev. "A Moldore" in France. 29. Louis XHI of France. Head. rev. 3 fleur de lys "1 Pistol W."
- 30, Spanish arms rev. "Xd XVIg," 4 R. and crown.
- 31. St. Michael and dragon. rev. "Vs VId" and crown above.
- 32. St. Michael and dragon. rev. "Xs" and crown above.
- Monogram HA in script. rev. "5d 3g 1750." 22
- 34. "Nine shillings" in frame. rev. "Nine shillings," no frame.
- 35. "Half guinea." rev. 2.16, countermarked.
- 36. Figures "4s 6d." rev. the same.
- 37. Figures "13s 6d." rev. the same.
- 38. 21s and crown below. rev. 21s 9x9.
- 39. 27s 6.22. rev. the same.
- 40. Figures "36s." rev. the same.
- 41. Figures "£ 12s." rev. the same.
- 42. Royal Mint. Llon and crown, 1821. rev. "Curt weight 5d 8c Guinea."

Additional Coin or Money eWights Not in Photograph Arms of George I, 1718. rev. The Standard of Ireland, 9d 5c, harp above.

George II. Head to left. rev. 1 guinea and W below.

Geo. III. Head to right. rev. 1 dwt. 7 gra.

"Geo. III up to 1772." rev. 2 dw. 14 gr. countermarked.

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G. R. and crown above "A Guinea" in frame. rev. the same.

"Thirty-six shillings" in frame, rev. the same,

Three pound twelve in framed crowned. rev. the same,

Figures "10c." rev. 2 dwts. 13 gr.

Figures "20s." rev. 5 dwts. 3 gr.

Figures "10s 6d" and 2.16. rev. the same.

Figures "£3.12s" and the word "Standard" above. rev. the same

Figures "9s." rev. the same.

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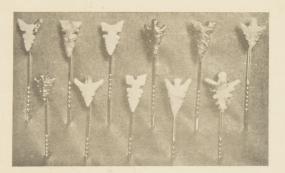
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Many of the coin and money weights of Georfge II and III, John V of Porfugal and others were made by I. Kirk, whose name or initials appear on the weights as can be seen in the descriptive list of the weights.

A token or medale was issued by him, of which will be found a representation amongst the "Illustrations." On the obverse a female figure standing holding scales in right hand and her left hand supporting shield of Great Britain: in the background view of London and St. Paul's Cathedral. On the reverse inscriptions in seven lines is the following "Scales-and Weights-for Gold Coins-Made and Sold-by I. Kirk in St.-Paul's Church-Yard."



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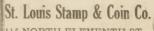
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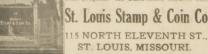
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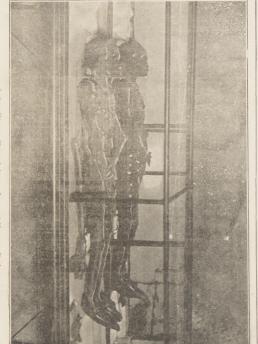
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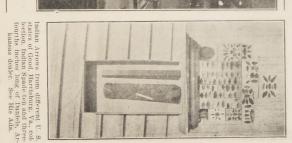


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| *Dominica, 1908, 3d, No. 5009   | Gibralter, 1906, 21/2d, No. 6110        |
| Dominican Republic, 1904, set of  | Greece, 1911, 1d, No. 20808             |
| 3 surcharges, Nos. 146-148 ,22  | Hong Kong, 1904, 10 cent, No.           |
| Dominican Republic, 1913, Dues,   | 80                                      |
| complete  | *Russia, 1916, Charity, 4 varieties .20 |
| *Ecuador, 1909, 5 cent or 50 cent,  | Tunis, 1906, 40 cent, No. 37, .06       |
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| Eritea, 1910, 15 cent, No. 3404   | Approvals? Certainly-not the or         |
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| per 1,000, \$2.00   |  | .75  |
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| per 1,000, \$1.00   | 1911 20 cents, orange and  |      |
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| (10 or 12)  |  | .50  |
| 10 cents, orange, perforated  | 1911 1 peso, green and blue50  |      |
| (10 or 12)  | 1898 due 10 cents, scarlet and   |      |
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| 10 cents, yellow  |  |      |
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| *Paraguay, 1901, 1 peso18                | *Jubilee, 50 & \$1. both,  |
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| *Malay States No. 9, (cat 60c)12         | *No. 423 to 430, Car. GCM50  |
| *N. Z. War Stamp, green,03               | *No. 316 with A. M. in circle,25   |
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| *Sierre Leone No. 28 3d (35c)11          | *Anvil Seal, 5 & 10 both,05  |
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| U of S, Africa, 1 sh, (15c)04            | *Large GCM on 1910, set of 7, 1.00   |
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#### EDITORIAL CORNER.

The time of the annual conventions of the different stamp societies is drawing near. Since you have taken sufficient interest to join them and pay your dues, take time and vote. It is a matter to be regretted that so few of the members, not only of the S. P. A. but all other kindred societies, take so little interest at election time that they cannot take five minutes and fill in he ballot. Show that you are still with your fellow collectors by taking advantage of this opportunity,

Messrs, Ackerman and Bushnell, publishers of the Stamp Herald of Indianapolis, Ind. are now issuing a sectional album for Precancelled stamps, which will give that side line of the hobby a wonderful stimulus. Their album is, loose leaf, post binder, similar to the one issued by the United Stamp Co. only-larger. This is indeed a welcome addition to the precancel fan.

That the war can touch many sides of our existence, we have come to the stage where it is almost necessary to increase the subscription of the West. It is well known that the price of paper, ink, etc. has increased many times what it was two years ago. The publisher expects to increase the price to \$1.00 per year after the first of September. If you wish to continue at the old figures, send us your subscription at once.

We are notified that the firm of Poter & Thorn Co. of Clearfield, Pa., will hereafter be known as "The Stamp Shop."

#### NOTES FROM EGYPT .- By V. Rainford, S. P. A. Member.

On the first page-devoted to the stamps of the Soudan in Gibbon's catalogue a constantly recurring footnote reads:

"Collectors are warned against forgeries of the inverted overprint which have been made in Egypt."

If the compilers of this admirable list had gone a step farther and had stated that the whole of the first issue of this country were scattered around the earth in countless thousands spuriously counterfeited, a boon would have been conferred upon the younger collector. The two stamps mentioned, the one mill and five mill, inverted, are rarities and command a high price. They being worth respectively \$15 and \$20 in fine used condition and only likely to be purchased by the more advanced collector or specialist, enthusiasts who scrutinize their stamps and the overprint thereon very minutely and through their greater experience are (at any rate now-a-days) seldom caught napping.

It has been my privilege to be familiar with the stamps of the Egyptian Soudan since their inception, and I know that it is not the inverted overprints that are to be so much feared as are the normal type. These are offered for sale by hawkers in the large towns of Egypt, especially at the coast ports of Port Said, Vuez and Alexandria, where tourists call, at anything from \$2 down to 50 cents the set of eight, and are certainly worth no more than the gaudy paper on which they are displayed. These were also on sale in the Soudan itself until the government's attention was drawn to the matter, the first imposters caught being mulcted in a fine of \$150; since when the forgery is more scarce in the last named country than the real goods. The purpose of this article is to explain as briefly as possible a few simple tests in deciding the genuineness or otherwise of the stamps in question. It must be pointed out that the 1897 issue of Soudan stamps were borrowed from Egypt and overprinted 'Soudan" in English and Arabic, and as the then current set of the "Pyrmids and Sphnix" type could be purchased wholesale at a few cents only per set, ways and means were soon discovered by the unscrupulous to "get rich quickly" with very little outlay in either money or material. The forger looked for stamps lightly oblituated and on these impressed the overprint with a rubber stamp. It is not expected that the ordinary collector will be acquainted with the names of the cities in Egypt, but if one of these stamps bore the post-mark say of Cairo, it would at once be obvious that this particular specimen had not seen service in the Soudan, though it had been duly micharged. But it is not necessary to know the Egyptian postmarks, for if the collector will look at the stamp through his glass, the fact will be revealed that the false impression rests over the postmark instead of underneath as it should be if the stamp were genuine. This the original "fakers" soon realized and seeing that this flaw might prove the means of "the best laid plans" being ineffective they forthwith forged the obliterating stamp "HALFA" (the base port office in the Soudan) in thick black letters and while this helped to improve matters to some extent, the whole thing is so patent that with the aid of a good glass the merest novice should easily escape imposition.

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Reading, Pa., May 20th, 1916.

My Dear Members:

The secretary has just forwarded to me for my approvel the Official Ballot for the Annual Election to be held at Washington, D. C., August, 15, 16, 17 1916.

Included in these nominations for various offices for the year 1916-1917 many of my friends and aside from my own opposition I wish to call to mind in an un-official way, the hope that this campaign for office will be conducted along lines, that when the campaign is a thing of the past, that those who are fortunate enough to be elected will bear no feeling of ill-will toward their opponents and vise-versa.

If anything will disrupt this society it would be from just such a state as this, which may cause a split over election results, and this we must by all means avoid, be the election results, what they may

I have tried to work in unison with all the officers during my term of office, and I have taken a personal pride in seeing this Association grow to such large proportions and today among its membership, I dare say, are many of the leaders in Philatelic circles. Therefore, we have a prestige now that we must maintain and to do this, we must have harmony and to relieve your mind when the ballots are received, immediately vote for your choice and forward them and then get down to actual and earnest work for the Society. When your ballot is cast, let that be the finish of all annoying letters or any ill feelings, or any sort of annoyances in any way, and let us all pull together for the betterment of the Society we all are mutually interested in

Assuring the members that I bear no ill feelings to any who are opposed to me but with my heart full of thanks for all courtesies extended to me, and with a sincere feeling that what success I have made, has been accomplished with the un-tiring efforts of the members.

Let our watchword be "ON TO WASHINGTON." This much I can say, that arrangements for our entertainment is being made there, that has never been surpassed at any Philatelic gathering.

Yours for a better and bigger S. P. A.

CLIFFORD W. KISSINGER, Pres.

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2046. Charles Holmes, 78 Longwood Ave., Roxbury, Mass. Legal, Clerk. A. M. Wright.

2071. E. Ingwall Brandt, Hendricks, Minn. 21, Laborer. J. B. Brandt.

2201. J. C. McCreary, Colorado City, Colo, 46, Publisher J. E. Guest.

2364. Athol W. Cliff, State Normal School, East Stroudsburg, Pa. 16, Student and Stamp Dealer. Jno. C. McKean.

2365. H. L. Preston, Jordan, N. Y. 38, Owner and Mgr. J. E. Gue t.

2366. Frank Kenyon, Box 108, Greene, N. Y. 19, Clerk, J. E. Guest.

2367. A. J. Mitula Jr., 1628 Ave. H. Galveston, Texas. 21, Collector of Accounts. T. E. Flick.

2368. Ralph Reuland, 51 Oak Ave., Aurora, Ill. 16, C. S. Lewis.

2369. Clifton M. White, Mabel, Minn. 16, Student. V. W. Rotnem.

2370. Oscar Beck, 811 Borthwick, Portland, O.e. 33, Civ.l Engineer, J. Emory Renoll.

2371. Henry G. Carleton, 1826 Portland Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. Legal, Lawyer. J. E. Guest.

2372. Harley C. Beard, 103 Meridian, Carthage, Mo. 23, Bookkeeper. Dennis Collard.

2373. W. F. L. Satterfield, Staunton, Okla., 33, Postmaster. A. A. Jones.

2374. M. O. Garritt, Burrows St., Geneva, Ohio. Legal. C. V. Webb.

2375. Maurice Neel, 880 Clarkson Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. 39, Accountant. H. F. Christensen.

2376. Lloyd H. Lapum, 54 Bostwick St., Lowville, N. Y. 29, Sheet Metal Worker. L. T. Brodstone. Added by Pub. last month as 2364.

2377. Julien Coblentz, 478 Harrison 9ve., Astoria, Oregon. 30, Representative N. Y. Life. H. R. Hendricks.

2378. Raleigh Luckett, Muirkirk, Md. 11, Scholar. A. E. Gorham.

2379. Jno. Le Clem, Brig. Gen. U. S. A., Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C. A. E. Gorham.

2380. Norman S. Fitzhugh, 1804 Lamont St., Washington, D. C. 37, Insurance, H. B. Mason.

2381. B. C. Church, Wrenshall, Minn. 56, Farmer, C. V. Webb.

2382. G. M. Converse, 1605 Main St., Niagara Falls, N. Y. 30, Printer. L. Brodstone.

2383. H. M. Weinstock, 561 Park Ave., Kenosha, Wisc. 42, Sales Mgr. C. V. Webb.

2384. Robert Platt, Box 756, Cornwell-on-Hudson, N. Y. 15, Student. L. T. Brodstone.

2385. Gustave Gelbert, 881 Stebbins Ave., N. Y. City. 15. R. W. Ahlmann.

2386. Arnold Anderson, 142 Walnut St., Aurora, Ill. 14. C. S. Lewis.

2387. Chas. F. Brignardello, 2209 Scott St., San Francisco, Calif. Legal, Monument Merchant. L. T. Brodstone.

2388. Otto F. Moses, Box 369, Cleveland, Ohio. 31, System Mgr. C. V. Webb.

2389. James E. Crouch, 473 Brown St., Akron, Ohio. 31, Carpenter. C. V. Webb.

2390. George Umstead, Jeffersonville, Pa., 35, Bookkeeper. M. H. Ganser.

2391. Jas. G. Murphy, Care The Belize Estate and Produce Co., Ltd., Belize, Br. Honduras, 25, Engineer, L. T. Brodstone.

2392. C. L. Hoevet, R. F. D. Fairfield, Nebr. 35, Farmer, L. T. Brodstone.

2393. Theo. Q. Pardee, 61 Brodway, Care Vacuum Oil Co., N. Y. City. 42, Auditor, J. E. Guest.

2394. Samuel L. Bierbauer, 1035 N. Michigan Ave., Pasadena, Calif. 31, Bank Clerk. C. V. Webb.

2395. John J. Warns, Box 4, Wentworth, S. Dak. Legal, Farmer. J. E. Guest.

2396. Robert G. B. Christian, Care Prest-O-Lite Co., Speedway, Ind. 21, Bookkeeper. C. V. Webb.

2397. Edwin T. Eeroyd, Care First Nat. Bank, Pierce City, Mo. 33, Asst. Cashier. Dennis Collard.

2398. L. L. Krippner, Box 398, Minneapolis, Minn. Added by Publisher under different number last month.

2399. David Plotz, 10-12 Fulton St., Hudson N. Y. 19, Printer. Parke M. Lawrence.

2400. Alexander C. Bartley, 69 Montclair Ave., Montclair, N. J. Legal, Stamp Dealer. J. E. Guest.

2401. Miss Esther Jones, Milwaukie, Oregon. 21. C. V. Webb.

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2404. Jas F. Findlay, 1611½ Turner St., Allentown, Pa. 28, Accountant. H. M. Fry.

2405; Franklin Charles Mertz, Box 102, Aurora, Colo. 38, Poultryman. J. E. Guest.

2406. Einer Johnson, 366 Carroll St., St. Paul, Minn. 27, Chemist. J. E. Guest.

2407. Henry N. Martinsen, 609 West 149 St. N. Y. City. 17, Stenographer. C. V. Webb.

2408. Thos. R. Johnston, Saltsburg, Pa., 43, Merchant, B. F. Egan.

2409. Albin Lord, N. St. Clair St., Painesville, O. Legal, Stationer, C. V. Webb.

2410. John J. Staub, 442 Masten Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. 50, Contractor, E. E. Elster.

2411. Charles Hiaumet, Vandervoort, Ark. 25, Barber. L. J. Ragatz.

2412. Harold G. Rippey, Box 262, Heavener, Okla. 15, Student. M. Ohlman.

2413. J. Clayland Mullikin, Jr., 214 Dover St., Easton, Md. 15, Student, J. E. Guest.

2414. G. B. Roach, Deroche, B. C., Canada, 21, Asst. P. M. J. E. Guest.

2415. Herbert A. Jungman, Box 12, White Fish Bay, Wisc., 24, House Servant. Alfred Nielsen.

2416. August Seyffert, Box 224, California, Mo., 72, Bookkeeper, Dennis Collard.

2417. P. A. Coppard, 3970 Utah St., San Diego, Calif., 44, Wholesale Grocer. C. V. Webb.

2418. E. S. Blackwell, 460 11 St., Oakland, Calif. Legal, Stamp Dealer. B. F. Egan.

2419. A. J. Seebach, Dysart, Ia. 29, Farmer, C. V. Webb.

2420. L. A. Lauritzen, 318 W. 63 St., Chicago, Ill. 33, Photographer. H. L. Lindquist.

2421. A. L. Nelson, 3238 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill. 40, Salesman. V. W. Rotnem.

2422. T. C. Van Son, Lewiswyn, Sask., Canada. 40, Agricultural Secretary. V. W. Rotnem.

2423. E. A. Rood, Box 31, Bradentown, Fla., 28, Merchant. L. T. Brodstone.

2424. A. H. Pike, Station G, Buffalo, N. Y., 37, Mgr. J. E. Guest.

2425. A. Darnaud, 412 C Street., San Diego, Cal., 42, Florist. L. E. Anselm.

2426. Gerald C. Flinn, 72 Second Pl., Brooklyn, N. Y., 18. Wm. Lycett.

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2428. T. M. Tang, 339 Yuen Fong Road, Shanghai, China, 23, Student. C. V. Webb.

2429. J. N. Redman, 231 E. Eastwood, Marshall, Mo., Legal, Newspaper Publisher. Dennis Collard.

2430, James B. Pelletier, 202 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, La., 59. Merchant. H. R. Hendricks.

2431. Maurice Goldsmith, 36 Rutledge Avenue, Charleston, S. C., 15; Student. R. W. Ahlmann.

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The dues of the following expired Jan. 1st under the old ruling: B-1338; F-428; M-1348, 969; S-476; T-1099; W-885; Z-1008.

#### MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY.

Total membership, May 13, 1916, 1310. New members, 83. Dropped, 8. Resigned, 1. Total membership, June 19, 1916, 1384.

#### ON RECRUITING.

The standing: C. V. Webb, 124; J. E. Guest, 79; L. T. Brodstone, 66; C. W. Kissinger, 27; V. W. Rotnem, 25; A. E. Gorham, 20; H. R. Hendricks, 12; H. E. Klotzbach, Dennis Collard and H. M. Fry, 10; Wm. Lycett, 8; A. A. Jones and Jerome G. Wolf, 7; L. B. Farvour, E. Androchowicz, Burt McCann, O. G. Beardslee and Parke M. Lawrence, 6; Herbert Klein, L. J. Ragatz, 5; E. T. Wallis, B. P. Allen, W. H. Kinard, E. L. Fischer, M. Ohlman, R. W. Ahlmann, H. F. Christianson, Dr. J. M. Suarez, L. M. Lang and H. C. Burns, 4 The following three each: Chas. W. Ritchie, H. A. Bernard, R. H. Eilers, Silas Weatherby, S. H. Brainard, J. J. Zamora, F. R. Hayworth, E. E. Elster.

#### WE WILL BE AT THE WASHINGTON CONVENTION AUG. 15-17.

The following have signified their intention of being present to the Secretary. This includes all names received to June 19th.

Clifford W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Lycett, Brooklyn, N. Y., C. V. Webb, Perry, Ohio, Erwin L. Fischer, Cinncinnati, Ohio, E. T. Wallis, Indianapolis, Ind., Harry E. Klotzbach, Buffalo, N. Y., Parke M. Lawrence, Conneautville, Pa., C. E. Severn, Chicago, Ill., J. E. Guest, Minneapolis, Minn., Ralph Spray, Mantua, Ohio, Maury Swartz, Ft. Scriven, Ga.,

Malcolm H. Ganser, Norristown, Pa., H. C. Kingdom, Conneaut, Ohio, Reuben W. Ahlmann, Norfolk, Nebr., Ralph Daskam, Chevy Chase, Md., Dr. R. L. Allen, Waynesville, N. C., W. H. Kinard, Greenville, S. C., Daniel B. Nagle, Reading, Pa., W. C. Boult, Philadelphia, Pa., F. B. Gooch, Eddystone, Pa., F. H. Pavey, Connersville, Ind., Robt. Seidel, Reading, Pa., Chas. Seidel, Reading, Pa., D. H. Huyett, Jr., Reading, Pa., H. M., Fry, Bethlehem, Pa., H. E. Harris, Baltimore, Md., J. K. Waitt, Norfolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Flerlage, Norwood, Ohio, Peter Zodac, Peekskill, N. Y., Albert Schnell, Warwood, West Virginia.

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Dear Members:

Counting applications pending, we have now the largest membership list of any American stamp organization.

New application from Harold Louis Waters being considered under 2046 published a few months ago has been withdrawn. Mr. Lapum under 2364 last month changed to 2376. Mr. Krippner under 2385 last month changed to 2398.

Reserve your room at the Raleigh Hotel and then be sure you will have one when you arrive there.

Best wishes.

Respectfully submitted,

C. V. WEBB, Secretary.

#### EXCHANGE MANAGER'S REPORT, JUNE 1, 1916.

On hand as per last report, 222 books, catalog value \$5937.04; received since then 40 books, catalog value \$678.55, which makes a total of 262 books now on hand with a catalog value of \$6615.59.

Insurance Fund. Amount on hand as per last report, \$18,47. Insurance fund now on hand, \$25,23.

The above report shows what I have accomplished in the Exchange in the coming election. I am on the job all the time, and can give this Dpartment, and I hope to have the support of the membership at large Department, and I hope to have the support of the membership at large ington Convention, and shall be glad to hold your proxy should you be unable to attend.

Fraternally Yours.

E. T. WALLIS.

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#### REPORT OF SALES MANAGER

Minneapolis, Minn., June 5th, 1916.

On hand May 6th, 1229 Books with a total net value of \$2699.99. Retired during the month 34 Books with a total net value of \$2695.96 from which the sales totaled \$173.05 or about 69 per cent. Leaving on hand 1385 books with a total net value of \$20.277.29. If you are not receiving these circuits you are certainly missing a fine opportunity to pick up bargains. Over \$2,000.00 has been paid to members on account of sales from their books although books totaling less than \$500.00 have been retired. Doesn't that convince you that my system is working satisfactorily. Election time is approaching and I trust you will not fail to vote for me. I promise the same conscientious efficient service if I am re-elected.

Insurance Fund: On hand June 6th, \$3.36. Due from retired books this report, \$3.89. Total, \$7.25, which has been forwarded to the Secretary in accordance with the Constitution.

J. E. GUEST.

#### REPORT OF-THE TREASURER.

Cinncinnati, Ohio, June 1, 1916.

To the Members of the Southern Philatelic Association: Herewith my report for the month of May.

| Cash | on hand May 1st              | \$535.06 |
|------|------------------------------|----------|
| Dues | and Interest Received in May | 39.90    |
| Year | Books, Sold One at           | .50      |

| Total                                  | \$575.46 |
|--|----------|
| Disbursements:                         |          |
| C. F. Hunt, Sales Dept. Loss \$ 5.06   |          |
| Harry Knapp, Dues Refunded             |          |
| Mekeel's Weekly, Advertisement 1.20    |          |
| A. E. Gorham, May Postage 7.90         |          |
| C. V. Webb, May Salary (\$13.10) 13.10 |          |
| C. V. Webb, Y. B. to New Members 2.65  |          |
| C. V. Webb, May Postage 12,15          | 42.71    |

Balance on hand June 1st \_\_\_\_\_\_\$532.' \$50.00 of the above in the hands of the Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted, ERWIN L. FISCHER, TREASURER.

#### BETHLEHEM'S BRANCH No. 12

The meeting to organize a local branch of the Southern Philatelic Association, known as the Bethlehems' Branch of S. P. A., was held in the physical laboratory of Lehigh university on Tuesday evening, May 2nd, 1916. J. C. Mc-Kean acted as temporary chairman and H. M. Fry as secretary.

After looking through a number of stamp collections the meeting was finally called to order about 8:30.

The following men were present: J. C. McKean, H. M. Fry, G. A. R. Roush,

H. J. Updegrove, M. K. Huffman, Frank P. McKibben, Rollin L. Charles, Geo. O. Gilhelmer, E. E. Holmes, Barry MacNutt, E. T. Parker, Wilbur L. King, B. H. Jones.

The society was favored by the presence of Clifford W. Kissinger, who gave a brief but very cordial welcome of the local branch into S. P. A. He also mentioned the annual convention in Washington the middle of August and hoped to see the new organized branch well represented there.

The guest of the evening was E. B. Powers, who brought for exhibition parts of the collections of Senator E. R. Ackerman, 1 Broadway, New York City, and Lawrence Wells, 42nd and Lexington Ave., New York City.

The two books from the Ackerman collection showed highly specialized early issues of the United States, and the book from the Wells collection showed more modern specifization. The cash value of the stamps shown in the three books was about \$16,000.

Mr. Power than gave a very entertaining talk on the U. S. stamps issued since 1908. The substance of his talk was as follows:

In the wet process of engraving stamps the sheets shrink in drying, if the perforating machine is set for equal spacing the outer stamps will be poorly centered if the inner stamps are well centered.

To eliminate this the outer four vertical rows on each side of a sheet were spaced 3 mm. and the other rows 2 mm.

All plates so made up were designated by a star on the plate and are known as starred plates. The stamps, up to the 15 of the 1908 series, are starred and also the plates of the 1910 series up to the 5c value.

After the change of paper in 1910 it was decided to give all stamps the benefit of the wider spacing, and the 3 mm. spacing was given to all stamps,

This brought out the new series of Bureau A plates as distinguished from the starred plates. The 1910 and 1912 issue exist on Bureau A plates and the later plates o fthe 1912 and current issues have the A removed.

The presence of the A has no significance other than to distinguish them from a starred plate.

Mr. Power then went into the detail of the cornering of the famous 1908 blued paper stamps, in which he told us how many of each stamp were known to be in circulation and how a great many of them found their way to his establishment.

He then said a few words regarding the coils and explained the apparent rarity of the joint pair over the guide line pair in that the invention of the rotary plate coil has eliminated paste-ups forever. He also stated that before many months the regular postage stamp would be issued from rotary plates.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Professor McKibben, the secretary was instructed to write to Messrs. Ackerman and Wells, thanking them for the exhibition of their stamps. Adjourned.

Next meeting, June 6th.

H. M. FRY, Secretary.

#### WASHINGTON BRANCH No. 5.

Washington Branch No. 5, S. P. A., met Monday night, May 22, in its headquarters, 718-719 Bond building, 14th st. and N. Y. ave., N. W., Washington, Concluded on page 67.

## FOREIGN REVENUE NOTES. By Oscar T. Hartmann.

In my first article I forgot to mention the other values, 2, 5, 10, 20c of 1887-93 Bolivia, also 1c of 1897 surcharged: Tabaios-Un Centavo. As I heard Great Britain has the 11/2 and 3d present issue surcharged: Medium. The 1, 2, 4. 8 anna India 1865-68 were surcharged; Court fes, used in Madras; also the service stamps, same time, for Bombay, and the 2, 4, 8a with service barred, used in Calcutta. The Bussahir revenues are similar to the postage, but in different colors. The values in black are only essays. 1a receipt of Cochin, similar to the postage. 1a red of Faridkot similar to the native postage issue. Hyderabad has a receipt 1 anna, vermillion, blue or blue gray, similar to postage. The 1a in green or brown is essay. Type of Holhav 1890, but 3 lines of inscription in center. Las Bela, 1a in black on white paper. Orcha receipt is la blue. Sirmoor la blue surcharged: receipt. Postage of Travancore 1889, surcharged: C. F. There are 4 Italian revenues, which are of the same design as the official stamps of 1870-94. The officials are all orange and carmine, but the revenues, the 2c is olive, 3c brown, 6c green, and 30c mauve. All four have red numerals. Five values of the Jamaica postage 1883-96 are surcharged: Judicial; also the 5 sh. of 1905. The 1, 5, 10, 201 of Crete postage 1900 perforated X are revenues. The 5 and 10c Negri-Sembilan 1892 were surcharged; J; 5 cents, 10 cents J. or Judicial. All scarce. The 5\$ postage of Terak surcharged: Pahang is a revenue. Nine value of Terak 1899 postage surcharged: Judicial. The 3c on \$5.00 blue surcharged: Revenue only. Selangor used the postage, 1895-99, 8 values, surcharged; Judicial, either blue or red, and 10 values surcharged: J. either in black, blue or red. For the Federated Malay States 9 value in 1901 were used, surcharged: Judicial. The 4c carmine Mauritium 1885 surcharged: Inland Reveiue. Some of the values of the Sonara 1914 Transitorio were also used postally. Five values of the postage of Natal 1902-05 were hand stamped covering two stamps: Customs Duty, in two lines; also 5 stamps were typographed same surcharge. The 1, 3, 6, 9d and 1sh. 1857 are postage; but the same designs were used later as revenues, so be careful, as the colors correspond. Of course all those printed in relief on white paper are revenues. In 1870 the 1, 6d and 1sh of the postage type were used, but they are in different colors. Nevis used the postage of 1867-79 surcharged: Revenue, with or without dot at end, and in 1882 six of the postage surcharged: REVENUE, in capital letters. South Nigeria used 3 shilling values surcharged: CONSULAR as revenues. The three values, 5, 10sh and 1 pound New South Wales revenues of 1868-71 were surcharged POSTAGE in 1885, so better look out, that you do not buy a fake. All postage perforated O. S. are official stamps and not revenues. Many values of New South Wales and New Zealand and were pre-cancelled and must be as a general rule put down as revenue used. Also many of the New Zealand revenues were used postally and I advise you to look several times, so it is not a bank cancellation. The New Zealand stamp duty designs were also in very similar design for counterpart, duty paid in full, fine paid, not liable, penalty paid, so a little closer views will not hurt, and may puy you well.

Sparks Says: "Stamp Collectors are like potatoes—they both have eyes, some have specks."

#### A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY .- By Bertram W. H. Poole.

Batonne Paper—One of the many kinds of paper on which stamps have been printed. "Batonne" means "ruled," and this paper is watermarked with straight parallel lines placed a certain distance apart. There are two kinds of "batonne" paper—wove and laid.

In "wove batonne" the spaces between the watermarked lines are plain. This variety has but seldom been used in stamp production and the enly example I can call to mind is furnished by some of the curious labels issued by the Indian native state of Poonch.

In "laid batonne" the spaces between the watermarked lines are filled with fainter watermarked lines running in the same direction. It is not often met with, but some of the Guadalajara stamps of Mexico were printed on it. It is worth noting that the thin writing paper commonly known as "foreign note" forms an excellent example of laid "batonne" paper. (See also Paper.)

Baton Rouge—The capital of the state of Louisiana, situated on the Mississispip river, and having a present population of well over 12,000. In 1779 it was taken from the British by the Spaniards and in 1862 it was the scene of a victory by the Federals over the Confederates. It is philatelically famous from the fact that in 1861 the then postmaster, Mr. J. McCormick, issued three stamps to facilitate the prepayment of postage and these continued in use until they were replaced by the general issue for the Confederate Stats.

Bath, Ph.—A Danish engraver who engraved the dies for the 1864, 1876, and 1874 stamps of Denmark. The design for the 1870 issue was the work of the painter Ohik, but it seems probable that the designs of the two later issues weer the work of Batz himself.

Baum and Dallas—A firm of printers who produced the Official Gazette of British Gulana, for the colonial government, at Georgetown. In February, 1856, they set up and printed from ordinary type some 1c and 4c stamps required for provisional use. The 1c of this issue is the rarest, or perhaps it would be more correct to say the most valuable, known stamp.

Bavaria—The second kingdom in size and population of the German Empire. It is divided into two unequal parts, the larger portion, comprising eleventwelfths of the whole, being situated eact of the Rhine between Bohemia, Austria, Switzerland, Wurtembuurg, Baden, Hesse-Darmstadt, Hesse-Nassau and various Thuringian states. The smaller portion is on the west bank of the Rhine, between Alsace-Lorraine, Rhineland, and Hesse-Darmstadt. The kingdom has a total area of 28.885 square miles and a population exceeding six and a half millions. Its capital, Munich, has a population of more than 500,000. Bavaria forms a hereditary constitutional monarchy, the legislative power being invested in the king and two legislative chambers. It contributes three corps d'armee to the forces of the German Empire, these having a peace footing of nearly 70,000 men. Though forming part of the imperial army, the Bavarian corps are numbered separately and administered independently. Bavaria still retains its own postal administration quite independent of that of the German Empire. Its first postage stamps were issued on November 1st, 1849.

Bayer Posttaxe—An inscription in Gothic type shown on the first postage due stamp of Bayaria, meaning "Bayaria, postage due."

Bayr—A contraction of the word "Bayern" shown on the 1870 postage due stamps of Bayaria.

(To be continued.)

#### NEW ISSUE NOTES .- By Lowell J. Ragata.

#### United States

The 4c and 5c retary printing stamps, perferated ten vertically, were issued a short time ago. These stamps are slightly wider and in different shades. from those printed on the ordinary presses.

#### Belglum

We have seen the regular postage of the 1916 series, 10c to 5f inclusive, surcharged "Chemins De Fer Spoorwegen" and winged wheel, apparently for use as parcel post stamps. Particulars are lacking.

#### Brazil

In addition to the value of the current set in changed colors chronicled a short time ago, we have received the following new stamps from Rio De-Janeiro:

50r bright green. 500r bright violet.

400r bright olive. 2000r blue.

#### England and Colonies

Correspondents in America and abroad have sent us numerous current issue stamps, mostly of face value under 5d, which are showing great variation from the normal colors. Apparently the scarcity of dyes is to result in hundreds of new color varieties.

#### Greece

A new set of pictorial stamps, ranging in value from 11 to 10d, is in course of preparation and will be issued during the summer;

#### Ireland

We are indebted to Frank S. Thompson for the following clipping, taken from a Winnipeg paper:

Dublin, via London, May 4.—Postage stamps prepared by the short-lived Irish republic have been found, ready for issue. They are printed in the republican colors-green, white and orange-with inset pictures of the three Manchester martyrs-Allen, Larkin and O'Brien-on a shamrock leaf. Beneath is a harp and the words "God Save Ireland."

#### Jamaica

The 1/2d green, arms type, stamp and the 3d King George stamp, surfaced paper, have been issued overprinted "War Stamp" in black. The surcharge is applied horizontally and is in capital letters. The 1/2d value is a tax on all letters, while the 3d is for use on parcels. A 11/2d stamp to cover both postage and the war tax is rumored.

#### Japan-Offices in China

The current 5y and 10y stamps bearing the customary surcharge in Japanese characters, were placed on sale a short time ago.

#### Liberia

Several dealers are offering scarce errors (so-called) of the recent surcharge set issued for collectors in general. They are worse than junk.

#### Mexico

We have received a supply of the new 5p Carranza stamps, which were issued late in April. The 5p stamp pictures the postoffice at Mexico City, and is colored rose and blue.

#### Mexico

The entire 1910 centennary set, with the possible exception of the 4c stamp, and stamps of several now obsolete surcharged sets, has been surcharged "G. P. De M.," reading up and down, and in various colors. A complete chronicle is impossible at this time.

#### New Zealand

A. E. Armstrong has shown us copies of the current 2p stamp, which now is printed in orange instead of mauve as heretofore.

#### North Borneo

We have seen three new provisonals from this colony, they being the 3c, -6c; and 12c stamps of the 1909 issue, surcharged "2 cents," "4 cents," and "10 cents." The surcharge on the 3c stamp is in black; that on the 6c and 12c is in lake, respectively. These stamps are said to be scarce.

#### Peru

Owing to the shortage of stamps, unsurcharged postage-due stamps are being used for regular postal purposes.

#### Servia

The current set of Bosnian stamps, 1 heller to 10 krone, recently appeared surcharged "Serbia." There are two types of this surcharge, one being diagonal reading up, and the other reading horizontally. German dealers seem to think the former set a rare one.

#### Spain-Morocco Office

The current 20c special delivery stamp of Spain has been issued surcharged "Protectorado Espanol En Marruencos" uniformly with the rest of the new surcharge stamps chronicled a short while ago.

#### Tunis

The 5c stamp of 1906 has been issued with a surcharged red cross and two bars crossing out the original face value. As no new value is given, we presume that these stamps may be used in conjunction with the unsurcharged 10c stamp, though we do not believe its use to be compulsory.

#### Warsaw

The local stamps which were issued some months ago have been declared invalid for postage. A. C. Roessler states that German "Polen" stamps, with the surcharge "Gouvernement Warchau," have replaced them.

SOCIETY NOTES AND COMMENT.—By Harold K. Bewen, Ft. Dodge, Iewa. MOVE:—Servative of ramp and esia organizations are requested to send newsand publications. Always enclose a two east stamp when writing the Editor of this department for information.

The annual banquet of the Omaha Stamp Club was held at Hotel Loyal on the evening of May 5, with Frank S. Parmalee acting as toastmaster. The last regular meeting of the season was held on Friday evening, May 19. Club dinners are special institutions of these meetings.

The Winnipeg Stamp Club is helping to exploit the hobby of stamp collecting. Literature is being published and sent out among the non-collectors. The M. P. A. is doing this somewhat, but we would like to see other national organizations boost.

The first meeting of the newly organized Thunder Bay Philatelic Association was held on the 26th of March. Its membership is composed of collectors from Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., and Port Arthur and Port William, Ont. The officers are W. Russell Brown, president; J. V. Detlor, vice president; J. C. Ostwood, secretary-treasurer, and W. R. Pringle, librarian.

The American Stamp Dealers Association has been incorporated under the laws of the state of Michigan.

The Iowa Stamp Society has been reorganized as the Iowa State Branch, Number 10, of the S. P. A. Look up the report of the secretary.

The Philatelic Society of Argentine will hold an exhibition in commemoration of the centennary of Argentine's independence. It will be held at Buenos Aires sometime in September.

Another Y. M. C. A. Stamp Club has been launched at Elyria, Ohio, under the guarding and guiding hand of James B. Thomas.

The Lynn Branch of the N. P. S. and the General Electric Stamp and Coin Club recently held an exhibition of valuable stamps and coins in the Lynn Public Library.

The first annivesary of the San Francisco Stamp Society was celebrated at 2233 Larkin street on Tuesday evening, February 1. The present officers are Henry J. Seider, president; Charles W. Arp, vice president; Donald Plercy, secretary-treasurer, and Edwin P. Seebohm, sales and auction manager.

A "Echo de la **Timb**rologie," the excellent French philatelic paper, begins with the number of April 30th, a list with full description of all post-cards, letterheads, and envelopes, official, commemorative, judiciary and for charitable purposes, published everywhere. The author is Mr. E. Herluison, and he has given himself much trouble to make this list, which will be continued in the next number, as complete as possible. Who will publish the first list of stamps which have appeared during the war? I do not mean the postage stamps, but those of different Red Cross Societies, the stamps of Hate, the stamps for Aviatory purposes and all those others, which, brought together, form a very interesting collection.

#### A DEAL IN RARE STAMPS .- By Arthur Irwin Smith.

Wayland Burgess was an enthusiastic student of philately. He had begun stamp collecting about the time he learned the alphabet, and by the time he was in long trousers he knew as much about stamps and their values as many a New York dealer with thousands of dollars invested.

Wayland, in fact, was something of, a dealer himself. He lacked capital but occasional judicious purchases, and frequent sales to the reliable list of patrons he had built up through advertising in a small way in the trade papers, with conscientious good service to all, netted him some attractive profits every month.

New Orleans was a sort of center for the stamp business, being nearer to Central America than any of our other large cities, and Wayland usually was among the first to secure a supply of any new or provisional issues that might come from those countries.

Wayland had an older friend, Frank Gillette, who was employed in the office of the Central American Steamship Co., and through him Wayland had succeeded in securing the privilege of taking the stamps from that corporation's incoming mail.

Of course, he did not take time to detach the ordinary 1-cent and -cent domestic stamps, which are practically of no value, but he always looked over the wrappers of whatever correspondence was thrown in the waste, and now and then secured some valuable and interesting specimens.

One day at the noon hour as he was sorting over the waste paper, now and then clipping off a desirable stamp, he heard a light footstep behind him. He looked up, and met the gaze of a smiling, dark-faced, dark-eyed young man, apparently of Latin blood.

"Pardon," said the stranger smoothly. "May I ask the object of your work?"

Wayland explained that he was interested in stamps and stamp collecting.

"Ah!" he breathed softly. "It is fortunate. I, too, am a philatelist. I have some treasures you might like to see—of Mexico."

The trouble at Vera Cruz was at its height, and Wayland looked at the intruder with new interest. "I'd be glad to see what you have," he remarked. "Tm always ready to buy good specimens at reasonable prices."

"I have some gems," the stranger purred in smooth, silken tones. "I have some of the rare Sonoras, put out by the Constitutionalists in place of the Huertaistas, which were objectionable to true Mexicans. A confidence senor—I am sent on a diplomatic mission by Senor Carranza, but I am pleased to meet other collectors and to talk of stamps."

Wayland's shrewd eyes could detect no sign of an evil purpose in the foreigner's appearance or words, yet an indefinable something in his tone stuck with him like a burr.

"Come with me, and I'll show you what I am so fortunate as to possess." continued the man. "My name is Emanuel Rojas."

"Pleased to meet you, Senor Rojas," said Wayland, pronouncing the Spanish words with difficulty. "I am Wayland Burgess."

"Yes? I have seen your little advertisements in the magazines of our hobby.

(To be Continued.)

#### FOREIGN REVIEW .- By Robert C. Edgar, Box 362, Wiehita, Kan.

The Philatelic Magazine, London, England, for April 5, 1916, is full of the philatelic war fund auction. They show a fine cut of the stamp, also picture of the final purchaser and a picture of the auction. This auction realized over \$15,000.

The Spanish Philatelist, for March, 1916, does not contain anything of interesting this time; they are still publishing the catalog of Spanish stamps as previously mentioned.

Philatelic, of Barcelona, for April, 1916, contains a good article under the head of important errors of the Don Carlos issues of Spain printed in 1875.

The Madrid Philatelist for March, 1916, comes out in a new cover of bright yellow printed in two colors, black and green. The new appearance is a great improvement over the old. There is a good article on Mexican stamps, showing most of the surcharges on the 1910 issue that have come out since the war starter; also one issue of Sonoras.

Revista of Buenos Aires for January and February, 1916, the official organ of the Argentine Philatelic Society; are continuing their study of Bolivia and Uruguay in the thorough manner the society takes up all countries.

The Echo Philatelist, a quarterly, issue for January-March, outside of some new issue articles, does not amount to much.

The Brazilian Philatelist for March and April, 1916, looks about the same as the previous issues, the history of stamps of Brazil being the main article.

The Postal Eco, Valencia, Spain, for March, 1916, contains the new issue notes right up to the minute. They show a new issue of Serbia. Now where are they going to be used? The information we have over here is that Serbia is in the hands of the central powers. Under the head of "The War and the Stamps," they show a cut of a stamp printed in Germany which says across the top "God Punish England," the center of the design is so blurred we cannot make it out. At the bottom are two figure 2s, and two iron crosses; then translated literally into English, "He punish it," does not exactly read sense to me; but that is it. Then another picture of a German stamp shows a big man standing on a map of Italy, with a mighty big club in his hands, inscribed, "Shame on Italy" and "hand-weg." They show a cut of an English stamp, shape of one of our parcel post stamps, inscribed at the top "Remember Always"; at the bottom, "Nothing German"; left side, "Fine Art"; right side, "Trade Guild" in the center is Brittanica watching the Lusitania sinking.

Stamp Collecting, of London, England, for April 29, 1916, comes out with another utterly needless issue of stamps being used in Salonica, Greece. This issue was all sold out by March 7th, having been on sale a very few days, practically every stamp being used on soldiers' mail. (Now listen), "Although none of these stamps have yet come upon the market, it is understood that some errors exist in certain values, such as double surcharges, etc." Great Britain is certainly working the English collectors to a frazzle with queer issues. It looks like from this distance. You cannot trust them at all as far as unused stamps are concerned. They demonitize their old issues. All stamps with Queen Victoria's head on them have been demonetized. It is a shame. It is asfe to say that the loss sustained by this act will run into many thousands of

dollars. I have come to the conclusion that I am not going to collect any more unused Great Britain or English colonels.

Ewen's Weekly for April 29, 1916, has a full sheet of late German Kamerun 10, stamps overprinted C. E. F. 1d., the complete sheet in error doubly surcharged, which they claim is the greatest philatelle rarity of all war stamps—deliver me. The issue of April 8, 1916, has the first page filled with the same kind of news. It surely seems to me that the English collectors would be getting tired of all of these war provisionals; seems that a few are. There has been some local comment in the English Philatelle Press wondering, as I wondered, what they wanted to issue those high value Naura stamps for. The reason to me is obvious—to sell to that great and patient army of unused English colony collectors, then after awhile demonetize them. For precedent, look at Transvaal.

#### MONTHLY NOTES ON FISCALS. By Joseph C. Zanini.

A broker who is a stamp "fan" had occasion to buy recently for use in the course of his business a sheet of the \$2 value documentary revenues of the current series and was surprised to find that the stamps were printed in very pale color resembling pink, certainly a remarkable difference from the customary color.

A clerk in the office of a well known financial house in New York recently found a pair of the \$3 brown of the 1898 series part perforated in going over old files of the firm of the Spanish-American war period.

I was shown at the last meeting of the N. Y. Philatelic Exchange Society the 10 cent value of the 194 issue of New York state revenues with surcharge inverted. This variety has been heretofore unknown.

Those old favorite match and medecine revenues are becoming scarcer and scarcer to find in collectable conditions as the years go by, and their recent boom in the auction market is certainly justifiable.

#### Foreign Revenues

Although the United States does not countenance the conducting of lotteries in this country, still many foreign governments permit them to be run. I have just received from a correspondent down in Rio Janeiro a set of four values of the following denominations as a tax on lotteries: 100 reis, red; 300 reis, yellow; 400 reis, blue, and 100 reis, green; issued 1915.

The first issue of Chinese revenue stamps appeared in 1909, of five values; there is now just beginning to appear a new set, oblong in shape, showing a portion of the great wall of China in an oval as the chief feature of the design; values at hand are 2c, green; 10c, carmine.

Forbin fails to list a 2 pesos, brown, of Guatemala, Sello de Beneficencia, issued 1904, which does, however, exist.

Ye writer made a big strike recently in stamps, when he obtained from a paper stock company over eight tons of correspondence, including both postage and revenue stamps of one of the greatest exporting and importing houses in the world.

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## ACROSS THE POND



PHILATELY IN EUROPE .- Exclusive Correspondence of Philatelic West.

General notice is being issued that all stamp-collectors should be careful to note at the present time the 11/2d King George Stamp of New Zeal-The use of this stamp has increased enormously owing to the war tax on letters originating in the Dominion, a single 11/2d stamp serving to pay the postage together with the half-penny war tax. Owing to the greatly increased demand for this stamp arrangements were made to substitute a surface-printed (typographed) stamp for the recessplate printed stamp of the original isue, surface printing allowing of more rapid production. Before the new plates could be prepared a new printing was necessary from the plates engraved in recess, and the stamp was printed on a small stock of paper which was left over from the old large pictorial stamp issue. This temporary issue was speedily superseded by a surface printed stamp, similar in design to the engraved stamp, but very much cruder in appearance. The portrait of the king is extremely poor and unsatisfactory, and it is clearly a local production, and not the stamp from the surface-printing die and plates ordered from London. So the first surface-printed 14d stamp in the King George series is likely to be in use for a short time only, until the stamp-printing department at Wellington can receive the plates which have been ordered from Perkins, Bacon and Company, Ltd., the firm which procured the original dies and plates for the King George stamps of New Zealand.

Mr. Melville savs that the 1½d engraved stamp on the old paper may prove to be rather scarce, and in any case it will be worth while watching which of the several vearities of recent 1½d stamps are overprinted for the various dependencies, viz., Samoa, Aitutaki, Niue, and Penrhyn Islands. The mail last week brought the first of the King George stamps, the 1s, overprinted for use in the former German colony of Samoa.

Following close upon the new (and already obsolete) British issue of stamps for the Levant, there is news of a set of three French Levant stamps overprinted "He Rouad", for use in an island with about fifteen hundred inhabitants, off the coast of Syria, now in the occupation of French troops. A decre, signed by M. Poincare on March 22nd, extends the privileges of the French Internal and Colonial Postal Tariff to this island, and the au-

thorities on the spot have had the French Levant stamps, of the denominations of 5, 10 and 25 centimes, overprinted with a hand stamp reading downwards. "He Rouad," in sans serif capitals.

Since Italy issued her Red Cross stamps last November, the internal postage rates have been raised, and the I5-centesimi rate is now 20 centesimi. The slate-colored stamp of the Italian Red Cross, with a postal value of 15c, and a Red Cross contribution of 5c, was provisionally surcharged to denote a 20c postal value. There is now a definite 20x5c stamp in the same design (the Italian Eagle and the Arms of Savoy), but printed in orange. This new stamp will be overprinted in due course for issue in the Italian colonies and protectorates.

Collectors of war stamps should be on their guard against forgeries of the war provisional stamps issued for the British occupation of Bushire. Some of these are being distributed from Persia at prices which are even higher than the current prices for the genuine stamps in London. For instance, one Tauris merchant offers the 1 to 24 shahl stamps, which Stanley Gibbons quotes at an average of 15s each, at the substantial figure of £1 each. In the same consignment is a set with an additional overprint reading "Chancellorie" in script type in black. This quite unauthorized addition to the stamps raises their value in this wily merchant's price list to £20 each! These Bushire provincials should only be purchased from reliable dealers.

In January there appeared a new set of the Belgian parcel-post stamps. The new issue was necessitated by the fact that large quantities of the old parcel-post stamps had been looted by the invaders, and it had been desirable to demonetize the previous issue. It is now reported in the French philatelic press that prior to the issue of the twenty denominations in the new design a provisional or temporary issue was prepared by overprinting the Belgian postage stamps of the 1912-13 issue with the Belgian State Railway device, a winged wheel, and the inscription "Chemins-de-Fer-Spoorwegen." There is very little information as to the use of these provisional stamps and the French dealers have so far failed to obtain even small supplies of them. They cannot have been extensively used, for posting parcels. So they may possibly be among the rarities of the war provisionals. The values reported are the 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 40 and 50 centimes, 1, 2, and 3 francs.

#### NOTES FROM EUROPE

#### BY J C. F. AUFDER HEIDE, S. H. D.

These times are very bad for us stamp dealers. How many letters, how much money, how many stamps were lost in the last two years. The German manner of war, under the sea not at sea, is the cause of many a heavy loss. The mines laid by different countries, claim also a high number of marked ships.

The most disagreeable thing, however, is that only after a long interpose, one knows what is lost and what is not. So only, after writing to and fro, I got an answer from an American correspondent, that may letter with greenbacks, had been lost with the "Arabic." After several months,

you hear that a lot of letters and money orders were lost with the "Koningin Emma" (Queen Emma) which fine ship coming from the Dutch East Indies was sprung by a mine in the North Sea.

Two weeks ago, I heard of a letter addressed to my firm by a correspondent in Abyssinia, had been lost with the "Viele de Ciotat," which ship was torpedoed in the Mediterranean.

Today comes the news of another great and heavy loss to the Dutch Commercial Marine. One of our finest ships, one of the two greatest, which leave the Amsterdam harbor, the "Tubantia," a flashing hotel, one of the most luxurious in the world, a ship of the Hollandsche Lloyd, which company sends out every two weeks such a fine ship to Rio de Janerio and Buenos Aires, has been torpedoed by a German undersea boat, while lying still by the fire-ship, North-Hinder, in the North Sea.

How many letters with stamps have been lost by this new rude attack of neutral stihps on the high seas? All mail was lost. Not a single man, woman or child was drowned. It is these times that you feel your nerves, that the old Dutch blood which sent a Tromp and a De Ruyter to sea, not wet has become milk. All the people are wild with rage.

When this letter is printed in "The West," you in America will know all about this shameful deed, and it is unnecessary and takes too much time to write, in this place, more about it.

Another thing which brings many difficulties to stamp dealers in this country is that since eight days all imports of luxuries is forbidden in Germany. No art, no silks, no coins, no stamps may be sent to this country, and as there were a great many dealers, as well as in Holland and Switzerland and Scandinavia, who sent much to Germany, this well be a heavy loss for them.

In the meantime, stamps bring very high prices at all auctions. As this year not a new stamp catalogue was issued, people think they can pay for good copies of rare stamps, two or three times the price quoted in stamp catalogues of 1915, and these high prices are easily obtained. Some reports about stamp auctions from Parls—this morning I received an auction catalogue from Vienna.

"K. K. Versteigerungsamt. Dorotheum. Wien. 261. Kunstauktion VII Briefmarker-Auktion zweier Europa-Sammlungen aus Privat Cesitz hievon eine aus dem Nachlasse des k. u. k. Hof-Kumshandlers. Heinrich L. Naumann.

A very important auction of three days, March 22, 23, 24. Six sheets in electrotype are bound in the book. Among the rarest stamps are a Bavaria 1 kr. black, unusued; old Brunswick, Bremen; Old Gibraltar, Great Britain, £5; Hamburg, Oldenburg, Hannover, Lubeck, Mecklenburg, ½ Tornec Napels, Sweden, 3 and 6 sh., Canco, old Moldavia, Basel, dove, Zurich, old fine Spain, Toshama, Wurtenburg 18 kr., first edition; 10 kr. blue, used and unused; Fohr, two unused copies, etc. It will be of the highest interest to all philatelists to know these prices which these stamps will attain at auction in this country. When traveling was not se very, very uneasy and dangerous there would be a fine occasion for a Dutch stamp dealer to get some bargains. The auction crown, which in normal times, is equal to 50 cents Dutch, now only stands at cents. That is more than 54 per cent off.

Philatella is growing in the neutral countries. I have on my desk No. 3, March 5, 1916, Volume I, Number 3 of "Jddsk Frimaerheblad," published by that enterprising stamp dealer, N. S. Nedergaard, of Skive, Demmark. Write

him for a specimen copy; he will gladly send you one.

The first number of the 19th year of "Madrid Filabelico," that very sympathetic Spanish paper, comes to us in another cover. As there is very little traffic from Spain to other European countries in these war times, Mr. Cjalves thought it better to drop the railway engine from the cover, as well as the steamer, for fear of torpedoing. The new cover is type-set; is black and green, and makes a pleasant impression. The paper on which the reading matter is printed is much better than formerly. All this leads to the belief that philatelia enjoys a good time in Spain.

Yours for peace.

J. C. AUFDER HEIDE, S. H. D.

What about Christopher Columbus? Dead, you say? Miss, my man. Living and prospering as a stamp dealer in Milano. Eating and enjoying maccaroni and Chianti. Selling stamps in his leisure. Ask for his price list. Do the man who discovered America a pleasure. His exact address is Via Ruggero Boscorich. No. 4.

As you may happen to know, all import of postage stamps in Germany is forbidden now. Postage stamps are a luxury, and money can be employed better. So you see but very few advertisements of stamp dealers in foreign countries in German advertising sheets; only ads by which one asks to buy stamps.

A new set of postage stamps will appear for Belgium, under the German government.

I have received No. 5 of Mr. Nedergaards "Jydsk Fumaerkblad," published by Mr. N. S. Nedergaard, Skive, Denmark. A good paper for those who want relations in Scandinavian countries.

Some days ago I bought a few sets of banknotes expressly printed for the prisoners of war in Germany. There must exist a good deal more than I have, as I have only those of two camps, Konigstein and Chemnitz.

The complete set consists of four different values, 1, 2, 5 and 10 pfennigs, or in American money, ½, 1-12, 2 and 4 cents. Of those for Konigstein I have only the 1, 2 and 5 pfennigs. Inscription: Kriegsgefangenenlager Festung Konigstein a. d. Elbe. Der Inhaber dieses Guetscheines erhalt gegen Ruckgabe desselben von der kasse des Kriegsgefangenenlagers den Betrag von der EIN PFENNIG ausbezahlt. Dieser Schein gilt nur innerhalb des Lagers. Konigstein a. d. Elbe. 1 Oktober, 1915. (Prisoners of War Camps, Fortress Konigstein on the Elbe. By presenting this note at the office of the prisoners of war camp, bearer is paid the amount of 1 pfennig. This note is only available in the camp.) I can trade these notes for Confederate notes or other South American notes, for my private collection.

Two well known European philatelists have left this world: Mr. Johan K. Koning, the expert on Dutch and Dutch colonial stamps, and Mr. Enrique Laso, one of the foremost dealers in Madrid, Spain.

Beware of Nauru stamps. This surcharge was specially made for the administrator of this former German colony. Overprinted in London, and sold—let me hope, nowhere.

I notice in my country, the fact that collectors return to the collecting

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The last auction of Mr. Gilbert in Paris brought 25,500 francs (\$5,000.) The last auction of Mr. Born, in Amsterdam, brought 13,000 guilden (\$5,500.)

All stamps were sold at high prices, near to catalogue and over. How will prices be after the war? Now in these bad times, stamps bring prices as never heard of, so when the war is over and prosperity appears again, prices must rise enormously.

J. C. AUFDER HEIDE, S. H. D.

#### OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

## HAROLD S. POWELL, LEADER OF UNIQUE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION WITH HEADQUARTERS IN STORM LAKE, FIGURES IN ROMANCE.

Harold S. Powell, of Storm Lake, head of the World Wide Mission, a religious organization, and Miss Josephine Hughes, of Ida Grove, today eloped to Sloux City. Frank L. Foster, a friend of Mr. Powell, accompanied him to the courthouse to obtain a marriage Meense.

Mrs. Powell is the daughter of a wealthy Ida County farmer, while Mr. Powell is the chief executive of the mission, which has branches in 136 countries and colonies. The religious work is maintained by the sale of cancelled postage stamps from the colonies where the mission has its branches.

Natives are employed to gather the stamps of their country, and they are shipped to the United States to be disposed of to collectors. Stamp shipments are made by the carload. The mission has a convent at Lebatha, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell will be at home at Storm Lake after July 1st.

Hugo Meyer, a German by birth, who has been for many years with leading stamp concerns in Europe and in the United States is a consistent booster in the progressive stamp trade.

He was former writer of the N. E. Philatelist, an expert on postage stamps, Vice-President of the National Philatelic Society, Secretary of the Portland Philatelic Society, also Counterfeit Detector and Auction Manager for the society and a member of most leading Philatelic societies on earth,

Is a member of patriotic and social societies and has been interested in stamps since his boyhood.

Has been almost continually in the stamp trade and has attended International Stamp Exhibitions in Europe, also the first International Stamp Exhibition held in the United States.

He has seen many conventions and stamp exhibitions abroad as well in the United States. Acted as judge at the last stamp and coin exhibition held at Lynn, Mass. He has visited Post Office Museums and Government Printing Offices abroad as well as in the United States. Mr. Meyer corresponds in several languages.

He is interested in rarities, curiosities of stamps and especially of early Europeans. He is now a permanent stamp dealer and resides at 71 Spring St. Portland, Maine.

Walter Cox Green was born in Portland, Me. March 15, 1866 and was educated in Nichol's Private Latin School, Boston, Mass., for Harvard College and entered in 1885, and was graduated in 1889, with the degree of A. B. He spent the next three years in the Harvard Divinity School from which he was graduated in 1892, with the degrees of B. D. and A. M. He spent the next seven years in the Unitarian ministry in Maine and in Massachusetts. Then he spent a year at the New York State Library School, Albany, N. Y. and then spent four years in the old Astor Library, New York City. Eleven years ago he became the Librarian and Secretary of the Faculty, of the Meadville Theological School, Meadville, Pa. He was fond of playing cards when young, but in later life had not much time for it and has instead, spent some time in making a collection of playing cards, now numbering over one hundrel and seventy-five packs all different from each other and from the ordinary packs used every day. There are German, French, Spanish, Italian, Japanese and Chinese cards, together with English and American cards. Two souvenir playing cards is good and the list is as follows. He is pleased to help with advice any one who wishes to start a collection and would like to hear from collectors having duplicates to exchange, or from persons who have old or odd packs to sell.

William Lycett, Vice-President of the S. P. A., is a candidate for re-election. He has faithfully, intelligently, and conscientiously performed the duties of the office the past year, and seeks re-election on his record. The work done by him on the 1916 Year Book is certainly as fine a showing as ever made, and should be appreciated by the members. Mr. Lyrett is an out-andout collector. He collects for the pleasure and benefit to be derived therefrom, and is not a dealer. He has the interest of his fellow collectors at heart, while recognizing the rights and interests of the dealers. He has ever been ready to assist the younger collectors by material, aid and advice. He is in the prime of life mature, energetic, well educated, and well read. He stands high in faternities, being a Veteran of three of the largest in the country. He is prominent in New York City printing circles, actively connected for thirty years with the New York Typographical Society, of which he is an Ex-President. He is a manager of the Brooklyn Mutual Building and Loan Association, and Secretary of the War Veterans and Sons' Association of the U. S. A., meeting in Borough Hall. Brooklyn. He is a member of the A. P. S., S. P. A., N. P. S., M. P. A., and the Texas Philatelic Society, besides being Secretary of the Brooklyn Stamp Society, of which he was one of the organizers He has the uannimous indorsement of Brooklyn Branch, No. 4, of the S. P. A., which appeals to their fellow members to reward efficiency and ability by retaining Mr. Lycett as Vice President of the S. P. A.



White House, Washington, D. C., City where S. P .A. meets.



Hugo Meyer, Portland, H. S. Powell, Storm Maine. See his Ad. Lake, Id. See his Ad.



Dr. Harris, Norlina, North Corolina, who has rare Confeder Half dollar and Rouake John Raudolph



Harrison Pistol in The Collection of John Houston, Philadelphia.

Luther Tuthill, Paper Money F. P. Fox, Ambrose, North Dakota, Dealer. See his Ad. Mrs. Pelobt Stamp Co.

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Some of the Bracklein Collection of Kansas City, more in Next Issue.



Pearls and Sings from Rittenhouse Collection, Muscatine, Ia.



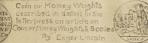
Long and short Arms from the Hoffman Collection, Lima, Ohlo.



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Some of the Thomas Harp Zonita, La. collection.

Famous Flags not found in Museums, See Write-up.

Irish Paper money and Prisoner's Script in Germany.









United States Captial Bldg., City where S. P. A. meets.



R. Mitchell, Pecos, Texas Bratton Collector, see write in next issue.

C. Green, Mendville, Pa.,

Collector of Playing Cards



Wm. Lycett, Vive President of S P. A.



E. T. Wallis, Exchange Su

### ART, ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTIQUES. EDITED BY MRS. TUTTLE, OSAGE, IOWA.

In a letter just received, May 21, at the University Museum in Philadel phia, Dr. Clarence W. Fisher, director of the Eckley B. Coxe, Jr., expedition, reports finding a palace next to the Temple of Moses along the Nile. The new palace promises remarkable discoveries. It appears that it once was destroyed by fire, for several chambers thus far reached, one of which is believed to have been the throne room, show evidence of having been scorched. Dr. Fisher discovered many valuable objects, in whathe believes was the throne room. Among the findings were gold earrings, necklaces, several bronze lamps and a bronze wheel, evidently from a chariot. The most important find was several doorways in the finest style of architecture, one inlaid with farince work and one with gold.

Robert T. Lincoln has presented to the Ficke university in Nashville, Tenn., a Bible which was presented to his father, Abraham Lincoln, in 1864 by the negroes in Baltimore.

Mr. Will Martin, of Nashua, Iowa, who is an adept at finding Indian, as well as other relics, picked up an ox shoe at Nashua, May 21, at the southeast corner of the city park.

Nearly 100 years ago, a small boy who was attending Westminster school, discovered a hole in the decaying tomb of Richard II. Reaching into the hole, he drew out what proved to be the monarch's jawbone. When he showed it to his schoolmates, the monitor boxed his ears for the act of desecration, but kept the relic for his own collection. It was placed on a plush mount, under a glass case and properly labeled. When the tomo was tenovated, the loss was discovered. King Edward became personally interested and the bone was replaced.

Mr. L. L. Wilson, of Center Point, Iowa, died May 10, 1516. His collection of war curios, it is said, was second to none in the United States. Mr. Brodstom tells us that Mr. Wilson found that his advertisements in the West brought him far better returns than in the 1,056 new-paper; he had patronized. His collection was written up for the West last y ar.

The writer has recently come into possession of perhaps the oldest hat in a private collection. It is one of those white affairs worn by missionaries and white people in the tropics. This hat has inscribed inside: "M. L. Woodard, June 30, 1859," and be onged to her father's eldest brother, who in those days was a sea captain, living in Boston, but trading with China, Japan and the islands of the Pacific.

Joseph A. Willard, of Delmar Township, near Philadelphia, Pa., has an ancient carved ivory snuffbox. On the cover is inscribed: "Susanna Willard, 1306." This heirloom is said to have come over in the Mayflower and has been in the Willard family for 600 years.

May 8th, in Washington, D. C., in a local jewelry store was exhibited for sale the famous diamond brooch which Ismaji, khedive of Egypt, presented to Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman in 1875. The brooch contains 102 diamonds, the largest over five karats, and several weighing over four. The setting is in gold and platinum.

The Cattrolina-Lam-Lambert Art sale of recent date, brought a grand total of \$396,210. The highest price was \$8,100, paid by Otto Bennet, agent, for a portrait of the Marchioness of Rockingham, that the catalogue as-

cribed to Francis Cotes, but which Cattrolina Lambert believed to be a Reynolds. Other high prices were \$1,100, paid by K. Gilchrist for Titan's "The Dead Christ;" \$4,000, by M. Meinhard for Tintorettos' "Marriage of St. Catherine;" \$3,100, by Livingston Phelps for Santis' "Holy Family;" \$2,800 by Berrick, agent, for Uuton's "The Toast;" \$2,250 by Hugh a Murray for Emomey's "Portrait of a Lady."

The Brooklyn Institute bought "The Madonna Enthroned" by Luini, for \$33,500 at the final session of the Lambert Art sale. This is called the greatest pleture ever offered in America at a public sale. Andrea del Sartos' "Holy Family" went to W. W. Seaman, agent, for \$27,000, although Lambert paid \$70,000 for the Botticelli's "Madonna and Child," it went to Berrick, agent, for \$22,000.

Ishi, the last of the Stone Age Indians and last of the Yahi tribe, died in April in the hospital of the University of California. He was found five years ago, and since has been under the observation of professors of anthropology at the museum. When found, he was thin, hungry and clad only in a night shirt, four miles from Orville. He was first placed in the insane ward of the county jail, until the scientists heard of him, and since then has been under their surveillance. He was probably about 60 years of age.

Workmen excavating for a basement at Sioux Falls, S. D., uncovered the remains of a mastodon. The "find" embraces bones of what evidently was an animal large enough to have been the grandfather of all elephants, teeth 10 inches long and from 3 to 4 inches square, and a curving tusk 10 inches in diameter at the base and more than 6 feet long.

A learned lawyer in Washington, D. C., W. H. Babcock, at a recent meeting of the International Congress of Americanists, read a paper in which he admitted that the Irish preceded the Norsemen in landing on the shores of America. It is not remarkable in the light of what we are learning of the little burial mounds that studded the lake region, that remains of a pre-Columbian, European influence should be found there.

The Chicago Tribune of June 2nd, states that the jade idol that was stolen two years ago from Dr. Sun Yat Sen, has been located. Ten thousand dollars was offered in fifty American newspapers for its return. Alliston Crowey, of Washington, D. C., says that it was stolen by agents of Yuan Shi Kai in China, with a view to destroying Dr. Sen Yat Sen's powerful influence over his followers.

"Goldstone." 'a favorite curio found, made into fobs, pins or rings, is a manufactured glass, and is not a stone. It is made by the fusion of reddishbrown glass paste and oxide of copper. The process consists in melting the glass mass, and, at a given state of liquefaction, pouring in the oxide. All holes and entrances in the furnace are then hermetically closed and the crucible is left inside for about ten days or a fortnight. When it is judged to be shoroughly cooled, the furnace is opened and the product extracted.

Odd Find in Pecos Ruins.—In the Pecos ruins of New Mexico, the explorer found a stone fetish carved in representation of a bear. Inlaid, were the eyes of turquoise, and an arrow was tied upon the image's back. These stone fetishes usually are found in the ruins of ancient pueblos and formed to represent the bear, the prairie-dog, or the mountain-lion. In prehistoric times, these images were carved of stone; in later years, made of clay and burned as pottery.



# BLIOGRAP



#### M. N. BUNKER, EDITOR, Colby, Kansas,

There are constant discussions about which are the six most popular novels written by English authors. Every once in awhile an English professor in some eastern school, or some newspaper, anxious to secure filler, starts a discussion, and of course each group thus evolved is different from all others. because the interests of different classes of readers create a radically different mental sentiment. Following we publish a list resulting from the "findings" of the New York Times. We believe that this list will differ from those our readers would make, and we want you to make up a list of the six you consider the best, and we will file and publish in the findings of our department as soon as possible. Make your list on a post card if you care to instead of writing a letter. Following "is a list of the six best novels in the English language, according to twenty-eight American and English novelists":

"Vanity Fair," by William Makepiece Thackeray.

"Tom Jones." by Henry Fielding.

"David Copperfield," by Charles Dickens,

"The Scarlet Letter," by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

"Robinson Crusoe," by Daniel Defoe.

"Ivanhoe," by Sir Walter Scott,

"Lorna Doon," by R. D. Blackmore.

"Tess of the D'Urbervilles," by Thomas Hardy,

"Tristram Shandy," by Laurence Sterne,

That ought to settle it. It remains now only for an enterprising publisher to issue an edition de luxe of the six or the nine and put it out as two feetsolid feet-of the world's greatest fiction. Incidentally, teachers of English literature in colleges, high schools and boarding schools will now know what to do. So will the students. Older persons can test their fiction efficiency by checking off on the list those that they have read. Others can bring their score up to 100 by getting the novels at once and reading them.

There is one thing about the list, however, that many arouse skepticism. Not one of the twenty-eight named one of his own products. That is not natural. It begets suspicion. It calls into question the sincerity of the list. To have made it more human, less uncannily self-abjuring, would have proved more convincing. Balance was needed. George Bernard Shaw should have had a vote.

However, it is a good list. Every book on it was a best seller in its daywhich does not mean that every best seller today is entitled to equal respect and regard. And all the stories are interesting. They will be read both with pleasure and profit. And not the least of their merit is the fact that they are. of course, entirely conclusive and definite. The thing is settled.

### RARE ARMS COLLECTION GIVEN TO PHILADELPHIA

(Continued from last Issue.)

The arms collection shows the steady development of the firearms used in this country from the earliest times, when the old flintlocks were used down to the most modern automatic movements. One of the most remarkable of the early types is one made in 1583, an old Albanian flintlock pistol, with a beautifully inlaid silver butt.

Conspicuous among the old-time guns is a series of sea guns, one of which has had a remarkable history through the war of 1812. This old piece has a place of honor in the collection, and is at once noticed because of its odd mechanism and its generally dilapidated appearance, which speaks for its hard and trying service.

Placed according to their age or in conjunction with other arms used in certain battles, the guns, pistols, rifles, etc., are arranged in heavy mahogany cases, each accompanied by a card telling its age, the actions it was in and something of its history. In one case on the west side of the apartment are several hundred guns, demonstrating the evolution in this particular department of arms. On the other side are the rifles and pistols, coming down in succession from the early pattern of the sixteenth century used in this country by the Spanish, many of them bearing the names of well-known generals.

Among these is a 69-caliber pistol, 21½ inches long, made in 1583, the first pattern of a flintlock made, with the various kinds of guns and bullets used with them and the various kinds of dumdums.

#### Knives of Head Hunters

All these are interesting to the historian and the fancier of arms and relics, but there are souvenirs in the collection which appeal strongly to the casual visitor. Among these are the knives of the old head hunters, who cut off the heads of their victoms as trophies; an antique hunter's powder horn, General de Villa's French spurs and an old French flintlock pistol, used in the war of American independence by an officer under LaFayette.

In one of the cases are a number of old helmets and body guards—three from Germany, one from England and one which flies the Uhlans flag. Near these is a fine collection of Napoleon sabers and cutlasses used in a number of European wars. There are strange sabers used in the Philippines; dress sabers used by European armies at various periods; rifles of 58-caliber used to shoot the Indians in the west; several ancient Spanish machetes captured in Cuba during the Spanish-American war; an old German Hirschfanger hunting knife used in the Franco-Prussian war; a primitive Philippine bolo-knife, and war implements taken from caves in Egypt and supposed to be many centuries old, and the terrible Malay "kris."

Long Algerian daggers festoon one corner of the room and relics of various kinds from Africa and Asia fill one entire case. There is a sword used by Frederick the Great, a leather helmet worn by Kaiser Wilhelm I, a rifle carried by Napoleon Bonaparte and a Revolutionary sword carried by General Wayne. Among the artistic specimens of arms are a Turkish dagger 200 years old with a brass-chased scabbard and an ebony handle, a Japanese short sword with handle wrapped in golden damask covered with silk braid in a lacquered scabbard and a British helmet of felt, used by a captain of the Nottinghamshire volunteers in the Boer war.

The other curios in the collection are equally interesting, showing won-derful mineral specimens and relics of ancient times. One of the latter is the statue of a Japanese idol, fourteen inches high, brought from Yokohama by Lieutenant Reed, of the navy, in 1854, in the Commodore Perry expedition, and preented to Mrs. Mary Donegan, and by her to Dr. Griggs. This idol is known to be at least 800 years old.

An interesting souvenir of the early hitory of the country is a pair of Sienna marble candlesticks, which were on the table in Independence hall at the signing of the Declaration of Independence. They were for years the property of Roger Sherman, one of the signers, and were presented to Dr. Griggs by his niece, Miss Julia Sherman. There are a host of souvenirs of the early fathers of the country, including a silver fruit knife used by General LaFayette while living in this country.—Clipping sent by C. L. Crawford.

#### INTEREST IN COLLECTION IS RENEWED BY LAST REVOLT

The latest disastrous attempt to establish the independence of Ireland has refreshed local interest in the coin and currency collection of A. A. Leve, exhibited several times in local banks. The collection contains several specimes of currency harking back to the last previous attempt to set Ireland free, the Fenian movements of the late 60°s. As in the latest event, money "the sinews of war," was not lacking among the Fenians.

The currency was issued to finance an attack of Fenians on Canada to embarrass Great Britain into relinquishing her hold on the Emerald isle. Notes, redeemable six months after the independence of the Irish nation became established were issued in several denominations, \$5, \$10 ,and \$20, notably, represented in the local man's collection.

John O'Mahony, called agent of the Irish Republic, signed the promissory notes. In the end they turned out to be merely receipts of contributions to a cause lost for time.

Many to whom they were issued saved them as souvenirs of a passage in international history and a chapter in the story of Ireland. Others lost track of their notes, and one instance is chronicled in a clipping saved by Mr. Leve, of a man being arraigned in police court for passing one for \$5 in a grocery store.

#### Bills Are Picturesque

The bills are picturesque, with engraved reproductions of likenesses of Irish patriots, notably Robert Emmet and Theobald Wolftone. Most of them were dated March 17th, 1866 or 1867, St. Patricks' day being regarded then as now as the fittest day for the inception of Irish undertakings. All bear symbolic cuts showing the spirit of Ireland, represented by a woman holding a harp, pointing over the seas to America, to inspire an Irish soldier bending before her and reaching for his sword. A dog, representing domestic peace, watches the scene. The borders are in vivid green. The \$20 note shown here is twice as wide as an American dollar bill of today and half again as long.

In passing, comment is worthy to the effect that in the Fenian movement, as in the more recent attempt at Irish freedom, plans were conceived well in advance and backed with spirit in America. Bold as they were in conception and swift in execution, they failed because of a predominance of forces opposed.

#### AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CURIO COLLECTORS.

COMBINED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COLLECTORS UNION.

An International Society organized Jan. 1, 1907, for the purpose of joining every collector into one great Union for the mutual benefit of all. This Unio controls and combines the following societies, towit: International Stamp Club Kosmopolit Exchange, Kansas Philatelic Society, Stamp Collectors' Protective Association of America, The "Fad" Souvenir Card Club and the Pan-Americas Souvenir Card Club. Our official organ is the PHILATELIC WEST. Subscription price is U. S. A. fo Sents and foreign \$1.00.

The Sorrelary only Union are 25 cents and a joining fee of 10 cents. Payable

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

We are happy to say that the entire club known as the St. Clair Collectors Club of Belleville, Ill., has been united with the A. S. of C. C. Their names will appear in due time in the secretary's report. We are heartily glad to welcome these people and trust that the relatives may be both pleasant and profitable.

Mr. Luther B. Tuttle of South Creek, Beaufort Co., N. C. in joining the reorganization society, says that it is purely a matter of sentiment, he having been one of our first, best and much loyal members.

We hope mext month to record still greater progress.

Yours for service,

#### F. MAY TUTTLE.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

124. Nichlas Nichol, 311 S. Sangamon, Lincoln, Ill. Fossils.

165. Wm. Jarrett, 818 Southern Ave., South Williamsport, Pa. Small firearms and Indian relics.

166. Lieut. Col. Ernest F. Wurtele, Box 344, Quebec, Canada.Stamps, Bookplates. Prop. Brodstone.

167. Mahlon Palmer, 200 Ferguson St., Charles City, Iowa. Fossils, Indian relics. Prop. by Pres.

Arthur G. Colley, c-o City Hall N., 302, Portland, Oregon. Curios, 168. Stamps.

169. Mrs. Luella Mackenzie, Moulton, Iowa, hand painted and historic Blue china. Indian relics, chess goods, etc. Prop. Mrs. Tuttle.

169. Carrol Lave Fenton, 409 St. Charles St., Charles City, Iowa. Fossils, shells, curios, minerals insects, etc., Prop. Mrs. Tuttle.

Dr. Daniel Sickler, Ogden, Iowa. Indian relics. Prop. Mrs. Tuttle. 171. Dr. C. A. Hurd, Northwood, Iowa. Collects everything except money and stamps. Prop. Mrs. Tuttle.

Every cent spent with our ads will make a better paper for you. Be sure and mention the WEST when writing all Advertisers.

#### A KOLUMN FOR KANSAS KOLLECTORS. By George J. Remsburg.

A silver medal bearing a French inscription, and as near as can be deciphered, the date 1230, was found on a farm near Highland recently. The farm on which it is found used to be the site of an Indian town and the medal may have been lost by early French traders or missionairies.

H. Grosse, of Jamestown, has a watch that has been in the Grosse family for more than a century. Grosse's grandfather, a soldier in the German army obtained the watch in Paris. It has an 18-karat gold case fitted with a bulls-eye crystal. The works are entirely without jewels. It strikes the hours, two bells for the quarter hour, four for the half and six for the three-quarters. The watch is of ordinary size and weight but the mechanism is complicated and delicate. The mainsprings are connected by small chains instead of cogs for the time movement and striking apparatus. It winds with a key and pressure on the stem causes it to strike the hours and minutes.

Mrs. Adrian Holbert is said to be the best posted person in Atchison on birds, having made a study of the birds found in that locality.

What was probably the first telephone ever used in Doniphan county is now in the museum of the Severance High School. It is of very simple construction, the receiver and transmitter being one and the same. This instrument was made by our townsman, Thos. H. Franklin, about 1870, at which time he was a resident of Doniphan. It was made from instructions and drawings published in the Scientific American. The phone was used to connect Mr. Franklin's residence with the flour mill in Doniphan in which he was then interested. There was no bell to ring up a party on the other end, but residence and mill were conected by a telegraph wire, and when one wished to send a communication by phone, the party wanted was called by telegraph. The voice transmission in this old instrument was good, the phones being abut a quarter of a mile apart.

We feel that an apology is due our readers for the delay in issuing this number of the West, but there are times when it is past human achievement to do as we wish. Superior was visited by its most disastrous fire a short time ago which so crippled our plant that it has been necessary to have all this issue set up out of town, by printers who are not familiar with this class of work and this together with a new linotype operator has had the "force" guessing whether it would appear. We hope to be able to resume the old routine in a short time and ask that you with-hold your complaints at least until after the hot weather.

Perhaps the largest collection of photographs held in the west belongs to Mr. H. W. Fay, of DeKalb, Ill. This collection is especially strong in photographs of Abraham Lincoln, the star piece consisting of the original negative of the cabinet size photo taken by McNulty, Springfield, Ill., 1861. This photograph is acknowledged to be the finest ever them of the martyred president, the price paid for the negative being in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

#### (SOUVENIR PLAYING CARDS)

The only disadavantage of these cards is that they are not very well adapted for ordinary playing as the views more or less distract the players. But the advantages are many, their compactness, their low price, their artistic appearance and their historical interest. They are compact as forty such packs will easily go into a box that will hold the Standard Dictionary. They are low in price, as the average price is now fifty cents, wheras ten years ore more ago, the price was \$1.00, being about the only thing that has fallen in value in recent years. They are artistic as the great majority of these souvenir playing cards are manufactured by the United States Playing Card Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, and as in the above case represent the high water mark of American modern playing card manufacture. They are of historical interest, as they have pictures of what may not be in existence a hundred years from now. I was surprised the other day in looking over my Boston pack to find that the pack has pictures of the old Gore Hall Library of Harvard university, Cambridge, Mass., and the old Boston Art Museum, both of which have been torn down. Two packs in my collection contain views of the buildings of the World's Fair, once the center of attention. They form a neat and nice little souvenir pack of views, compact, low in price and always of interest. It may surprise some reader to know that some packs have different editions, just like a book. Thus the Panama pack has some eight different editions and is to have a new edition. And, of course, it does not surprise any reader of this magazine to learn that some of the packs are no longer attainable. When it is known that usually an edition of at least ten thousand was printed at one time, one wonders where they have all gone to. But like pins, they seem to vanish and in after years are hard to obtain. Every card player knows that there are at least fifty different views in each pack, and when it is known that I have at least forty packs in my collection, it is easily seen that I have in small compass, some two thousand different views. Moreover in some cases a little pamphlet goes with the pack, the size of a card, telling in detail, about the views, and in some cases gives information, well arranged and valuable.

The following list is not a complete one of all the souvenir playing cards made in the las twenty years, but only those in my collection. I should be pleased to hear of any not in the list that I may buy, and am always glad to tell anyone about any pack in the following list. The amount of space given to this article does not permit my full description.

They may be arranged as follows:

#### Cities

- 1. Boston, Mass.
- 2. New York, old pack.
- 3. New York, new pack.
- 4. Washington, D. C., old pack.
- 5. Washington, D. C., new pack.
- 6. Portland, Me.
- 7. Portland, Ore.
- R. Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 9. New Orleans.

(To be Continued.)

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#### TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

E. W. Heusinger, F. R. G. S. P. O. Box 1056, San Antonio, Texas. President Jno, L. Clem, Brig. Gen. U. S. A. Retired, 404 Ave. C. San Antonio, Texas. Vice-President E. S. Parsons, 742 Drexel Ave., San Antonio, Texas. Secretary-Treasurer Charles Roemer, 206 Adams St., San Antonio, Texas. Sales Superintendess G. W. Coryell, Boerne, Texas. Fifth Member Executive Committee

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

San Antonio, Texas, May 20th, 1916.

Fellow Collectors:

Vacation time is now at hand, and I expect that many of us will lay our collections aside for the time being to spend the spare hours out in the open, with the result that we will take up our hobby again with renewed interest when the weather gets cooler.

Collectors should be "prepared" to enjoy the pleasures of collecting to the fullest extent when vacation times are over-by association and acquaintances with other collectors. Join a good philatelic society now—become a member of the Texas Philatelic Association, and participate in its advantages and benefits.

After July 1st the dues for the remaining six months of the year will only be twenty-five cents, and we have no initiation fee. You cannot afford to miss such an opportunity of joining a live stamp society at so small a cost. Ask the secretary for application blank.

Fraternally yours,

EDWARD W. HEUSINGER,

President.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

San Antonio, Texas, May 20th, 1916.

#### APPLICATIONS

Frank B. Jancowski, 739 Hendrie Ave., Detroit, Mich.; 23; agent, "Polish Daily Zgoda." Proposed by H. S. Parsons.

O. R. Bertram, 2300 East Ave., Austin, Texas. Legal, Linotype operator. Proposed by H. C. Naschke.

Frank Caldwell, 108 East 17th St., Austin, Texas. 34, Traveling salesman, Proposed by H. C. Naschke.

A. J. Baroncini, 1119 Ave. K., Galveston, Texas. 27, Clerk. Proposed by T. E. Flick.

A. J. Mitula, Jr., 1628 Ave. H., Galveston, Texas. 21, Collector of Accounts. Proposed by T. E. Flick.

Carl G Nelson, 1020 Postoffice St., Galveston, Texas. 28, Bank Teller. Proposed by T. E. Flick.

W. F. Slusser, Fort Mills, Corregidor, Philippine Islands. Legal, Stamp Dealer. Proposed by Charles Roemer.

New Members Admitted: 91, Percy B. Todd, Lincoln, England; 92, Howard M. Fry, Bethlehem, Pa.; 93, P. H. Cohn, Superior, Colo:; 94, E. W. Hayden, Cleveland, Ohio; 95, N. F. Beck, Bisbee, Ariz.; 96, J. M. Stanley, Galveston, Tex.; 97, Gino Marchi, Galveston, Texas; 98, K. J. Leffland, Victoria, Texas; 99, Oscar F. Swanson, Victoria, Texas.

Standing on Recruiting: Roemer, 20; Coryell, 14; Parsons, 14; Flick, 6; Heusinger, 2; and Naschke, 2; one each, Lauderdale, Dorchester, MasNutt and

Brodstone. Total, 62.

Deceased: No. 25, O. D. Owen, San Diego, Cal. I am unable to give date or cause of Mr. Owen's demise, as letter addressed to him was returned marked "deceased." We regret to hear of his death.

Change of Address: J. Delano Bartlett, General Deliver, Paris, Texas.

Finances: Current fund—Balance April 15th, \$32.84; dues received, \$4.00; total, \$36.84. Disbursements—Postage, \$1.00; index record cards, 20c; printer's bill for application blanks, leter heads, note heads and miscellaneous stationery, \$9.20; total, \$10.40. On hand, \$26.44. Permanent fund, \$145.33. Insurance fund of sales department, \$11.11. Total funds, \$182.88.

Members who are in arrears for their 1916 dues should remit before July
1st, as all delinquents will be dropped from the membership roll on that date.
H. S. PARSONS.

Secretary-Treasurer.

#### SALES' SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

|    |       |    |             |    | May 24th, 1916.          |  |
|----|-------|----|-------------|----|--------------------------|--|
| 43 | books | in | circulation | as | per last month's report, |  |

|    |       |                       | 994.15 |
|----|-------|-----------------------|--------|
| 15 | books | received since, value | 320.90 |

| 58 books, value  | 8 | 1375.05 |
|--|---|---------|
| 12 books retired during the month, of which the amount |   |         |
| \$92 09 or 52 per cent was sold                        | - |         |

46 Books in Circulation, value \_\_\_\_\_\$ 1138.32

The insurance on the twelve books retired amounted to \$1.77, which I have remitted to the Treasurer for credit to the Insurance Fund.

I am desirous of having those members who are not receiving books at present, to send me orders to place their names on the circuit as it takes some time to get them on circuit.

Remember I have a plentiful supply of books with printed rules of the Department. They hold 120 stamps and cost 5c each.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. ROEMER, Sales Superintendent.

#### REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association was held at the rooms of the Scietnific Society in San Antonio, Texas, April 17th. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p. m. by President Heusinger, with the following members in attendance: Mrs. Schroeder and Messrs. Clem, Roemer, Hyde, Hefher, Schulz, Green and Parsons of San Antonio, Mr. S. B. Hopkins, of Laredo, Texas, and Mr. G. W. Coryell, of Boerne, Texas.

In opening the meeting President Heusinger said: "This is the twentieth annual meeting of our Association and as I believe there are probably only eight philatelic societies in the United States that have passed the twenty-year mark you will agree with me that we can feel quite proud of our Association closing its second decade.

"The Secretary, no doubt, will show in his report, the condition of the society, so I will not take up any of your time to speak about that.

"From a philatelic point of view, however, you will remember that at our

meeting a year ago I predicted we would have a thousand stamps to add to our collections as a result of the European conflict, a nd I believe that we have already reached over half that number of stamps issued directly on account of the War. In Mexico, too, the collectors have had a large variety of stamps to add to their collections.

"With the United States we have been no less fortunate, for, in addition to having the stamps of our country come perforated ten, we now get the news that all U.S. stamps will hereafter come perforated eleven. You probably also know that a new contract for the manufacture of the U.S. envelopes is let every four years. Such contracts call for a new watermark in the manufacture of the paper, and as a new contract was lately entered into, we now have the old die variety with a new watermark. This, I believe, will in time become quite scarce, as it has already been followed by a new design of the die.

"Thre is another matter I wish to bring up tonight, and that is with reference to our twentieth anniversary in November. It is true that this is our twentieth annual meeting, but our twentieth anniversary does not occur until November 13th. I would like to see for that occasion some sort of a celebration in the way of a large philatelic exhibition, followed by a banquet—something to make the occasion worth remembering—and I believe the time is not too far off for the new Executive Committee, which is to be elected tonight, to commence formulating plans for the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Association."

The Secretary then presented the following report:

"Our report this year shows a substantial increase in both the membership and financial condition of the Association, in fact probably the largest in any single year, as we now have more members and more funds than at any previous time in our history.

"The membership record is as follows: Members April 12th, 1915, 39, new members admitted 62, total 101, resigned 1, dropped for non-poyment of 1915 dues 10, present membership 90. Geographically, our members are located as follows: In San Antonio, 21, elsewhere in Texas 40, elsewhere in the United States 24, in foreign countries (Canada, England and New Zealand) 5, total 90, Regarding payment of current dues, we have only 19 members out of 90 whose 1916 dues are still unpaid. The figures on membership do not include nine applications now pending.

"At the meeting of the Executive Committee August 16th, 1915, 'The Philatelic West' was chosen as the Official Journal, and the first report appeared in November, 1915, this being the first time in many years that the proceedings of the Association have been published. A special rate of \$.25 per year is made

to T. P. A. members by the publisher, Mr. Brodstone.

"The membership list was revised last October, each of the forty-four members being given a consecutive number, based on the length of membership in the Association, and applications of new members have been numbered accordingly, commencing with No. 45. Credit for new members secured is given to the old members, and the standing in the recruiting work is published in our month reports in 'The West.' Membership cards were issued in November for the first time in several years, this matter not having been given the proper attention heretofore. I am also keeping a card index membership record, which will also include all prospective members and a record of the efforts made to induce them to join the Association. Over five hundred application blanks have been distributed, and the results have amply repaid for this expense. We will probably do a little advertising during the coming year.

"Our financial condition is as follows:

"Current Fund: On hand April 12th, 1915, \$5.58; 1915-1916 dues received from members and applicants for membership, \$56.50; 19 subscriptions for Official Journal at \$.25 each, \$4.75; total receipts, \$66.33. Disbursements: Postage, etc., \$11.18; stationery, application blanks, membership cards, etc., \$12.55; stenographic service \$1.75; insurance on library \$1.95; books and periodicals Folibrary, \$1.81; 19 subscriptions remitted to publisher of Official Journal, \$4.75; total disbursements, \$3.99; balance on hand, April 17th, 1916, \$32.84.

"Permanent Fund: On hand, April 12th, 1915, \$139.86; interest for six

meaths ending June 30th, \$2.71; interest for six months ending December 31st, \$6.76; balnee on hand April 17th, 1916, \$145.88. The Permanent Fund represeats the old Insurance Fund, accumulated years ago, which has been converted into a fund which can be drawn upon only to make a temporary loan to the Insurance Fund in case of a loss in the Sales Department too large to be taken care of by the Insurance Fund.

"Insurance Fund of the Sales Department: On hand April 12th, 1915, \$8.72; November 15th remittance from Sales Supt. Coryell, \$8.40; December 31st interest for one year, \$.12; March 31st remittance No. 1 from Sales Supt. Roemer, \$2.11; April 14th, remittance No. 2 from Sales Supt. Roemer, \$7.8;

balance on hand, April 17th, 1916, \$11.11,

"Total funds April 12th, \$1915, \$149.16; balance on hand April 17th, 1916, \$189.28; an increase of \$40.12. The funds are deposited in different San Antonio banks, the ePrmanent Fund and the Insurance Fund being in Savings Depts.

"On the whole the past year has been a notable one, and our future should be even greater if every membr will do his share in the work of the Ass'n."

The report of the Secretary was approved and accepted, with the thanks

of th Association for the attention bestowd upon his work.

"On account of not having a librarian during the past year, we have not been able to accomplish some of the things we set out to do, the most important of which was to complete the index and place a copy in each member's hands. This work will be done shortly. We have expended very little money on the library this year, owing to the fact that we had other expenses to meet. We purchased Scott's 1916 catlogue and a pamphlet entitled "Who's Who in American Philately, and subscribed for 'Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News' for one year.

Mr. Hyde donated copies of Scott's 1894, 1897, 1901 and 1902 catalogues, and I personally donated a copy of the 1914 catlogue. I believe that a certain number of books should be purchased monthly, or a certain amount allotted for additions to the library, so that it will grow steadily. Members in San Antonio have patronized the library to some little extent, while some books have been loaned to the Austin and Galveston members, and the coming year will probably see a more general use of the library by all of the members.

The election of officers was next held, with the following result: Edward W. Heusinger, President; John L. Clem, Vice President; H. S. Parsons, Secretary-Treasurer; Charles Roemer, Sales Superintendent; and G. W. Coryell, fifth member of the Executive Committee, the other four members being the

officers of the Association.

Under new business, the Secretary brought up the subject of restoring the old form of organization of the Association, as it existed up to a few years ago, and establishing branch societies in different Texas cities, closing his remarks with a motion to this effect. An animated discussion ensued over the proposition, resulting in a substitute motion by Mr. Hopkins "that the Texas Philatelic Association, in this meeting, vote in favor of restoring the old state organization, or some similar organization, so that all members in the state will have full representation in the Association, and that Branches of the Association may be organized in the different cities, and that a committee be appointed to draw up a new Constitution and By-Laws incorporating in them the proposed changes, this report to be made at the November meeting of the Association for approval or rejection by the vote of the entire Association."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Roemer and carried, and the President appointed the Committee mentioned in the motion as follows: Schulz, Hyde and Green of San Antonio; Flick, of Galveston, and Heilig of New Braunfels; with

the President and Secretary members ex officio.

There being no further business before the meeting, the balance of the evening was spent in examining President Heusinger's extensive collection of U. S. entire envelopes, and in looking over a specialized collection of recent Mexican stamps, post-cards and covers belonging to Mr. Hopkins, whos residence on the Mexican border has enabled him to secure many a choice variety of the revolutionary issues. Just before the close of the meeting a telegram was received from H. R. Hendricks, of Waxahachie, Texas, conveying his good wishes. The meeting was adjourned at eleven o'clock.

#### (Southern Philatelie Ass'n, continued)

D, C, and was called to order by the president.

Precent: Gorham, W. P. Coleman, Mason, Ballard, Calidell, General Clema. Clemens, Collins, Curtice, Dunkhorst, Fitzhugh, Hammelman, Hatzakordzian, Hungerford, Lantz, Leavy, Loeffler, Loomis, Loving, Robinson, Schmidt, Tracy,

The president reported that the Poli's theater benefit last Monday night; was well attended by the members, that 90 78c and 98 50c tickets had been; exchanged at the box office, the net amount of \$58.25 would revert to the reasury of the branch for the entertainment fund for convention purposes; and that a number of tickets had been sold and not used, which would also be turned into the fund to entertain the visiting members during the convention to be held in Washington in August.

Committee on moving picture benefit reported progress and was continued.

Treasurer H. B. Mason reported that a number of members had contributed on the voluntary card system of weekly contributions for the benefit of the entertainment fund; that the largest amount of \$1.00 per week had been subscribed, and that other amounts had been paid in. One dollar and fifty cents, was appropriated for printing the contribution cards.

The treasurer also submitted his report showing the various amounts in the general, insurance and entertainment funds, which report was filed with the secretary.

Likewise the sales manager, J. C. Wilson, submitted his report, which showed considerable activity in the sales department, and that a number of circuits were still in circulation among the members.

Two applicants were elected to membership, and two applications for membership were received, one from Brig. General John L. Clem, U.S. A., ret., (known throughout the United States as "The Drummer Boy of Chickamauga") and Mr. Norman S. Fitzhugh.

The committee on souvenir program reported that on account of high cost of production the elaborate program contemplated had been modified, and suggested that arrangements be made with H. B. Mason to take charge of the matter and produce a satisfactory program. Upon motion, made, seconded and carried, H. B. Mason was authorized to proceed with the program.

Mr. Hammelman, chairman of committee on badges, asked for instructions in reference to furnishing badges for the convention, which instructions were issued.

New Business—The president suggested that our ladies be invited to attend a meeting in our headquarters to consider the advisability of constituting themselves an auxiliary committee to entertain the visiting ladies and members during the convention, and to devise ways and means therefor. The president suggested that our headquarters could be used for a euchre partyr for such purpose, accommodations being accessible for fifty or sixty euchreplayers. Upon motion the secretary was directed to send out notices in connection with this matter, also to send out "contribution cards" to those who, had not received them.

Moved, seconded and carried that a committee to consider the advisability of giving an excursion during the summer. Messrs. Ballard, Collins and Robinson were appointed as the committee, to report to the board of governors, with power to give excursion if found advisable.

Moved, seconded and carried, that a night, other than our regular meeting

night, be designated to hold regular stamp auctions, to avoid congestion on our regular meeting nights, and that a committee be appointed to have charge of this matter. The following were appointed: Wilson, Loomis and Clemens.

General John L. Clem, U. S. A., retired, who is vice president of the Texas Philatelic Society, and who has just been elected commander-in-chief naval and Military Order, Spanish-American War, honored us with his presence, and was called on to address the meeting at this time. He gave an interesting address and related many of his experiences as a philatelist.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Treasurer Harry B. Mason responded in a happy vein and welcomed the general as a member of Branch No. 5, and expressed the hope that he would attend the S. P. A. convention next August.

Mr. W. Hayden Collins received a vote of thanks for donations of a supply of interesting placards and visiting card racks.

Mr. Lantz donated a package of stamps, which he had counted, the one guessing nearest the number of stamps (at 10c per guess) to be awarded the stamps. Sales Manager Wilson having guessed the nearest to the number was awarded the package, and the receipts were turned over to the entertainment fund. Mr. Wilson's guess was 3,333, while the package contained 3,423 stamps.

An auction sale was held and seventy-two lots of stamps were sold, after which the meeting was closed.

Note-The motto of Washington Branch No. 5 is "Welcome to Washington." The glad hand of welcome will be extended to all visitors at all times, more especially during the convention in August.

The president would like to have a list of those wno expect to attend and would be glad to hear from all who will be present, at an early date, that suitable provisions may be made to entetrain them.

Branch No. 5 has established permanent headquarters club rooms, offices and meeting place in conjunction with the Washington Philatelic Society, in rooms 718 and 719 Bond building, 14th street and New York avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

Library and reading room facilities have been established in addition to the above, and any who desire to forward philatelic publications, literature, and auction sales catalogues for the benefit of the members who drop around frequently are invited to send them to Branch No. 5, S. P. A., at the above address-or to

ALBERT E. GORHAM.

President.

Iowa Members of S. P. A .:

You are to be congratulated on the success of the proposed plan to reorganize the Iowa Stamp Society as the first state branch of the Southern Philatelic Association. Your secretary is in receipt of a warrant dated at Perry, Ohio, the 16th day of March, 1916, and signed by the members of the executive committee and the board of trustees of the S. P. A., recognizing Iowa membership as branch No. 10.

Many members of the old I. S. S. are not members now. Why not bring them into the S. P. A. and I. S. S.? Let's all co-operate and put Iowa on the philatelic map as it should be. We now have twenty-six members. Look them ap in the S. P. A. year book. Have you received a membership card? If not, write me for same.

A list of those nominated for office will appear in next issue. Send in your nominations now.

#### EXTRA S. P. A. APPLICATIONS.

2434. J. Richard Carr, 617 Union Ave., Petersburg, Va. 45, Traveling Salesman, Parke M. Lawrence.

2435. T. C.Taylor, 911 Franklin St., Wilmington, Del. 25, Mfg. Jnc. Rice.

2436. E. B. Smith, 3627 N. Hampshire Ave., Washington, D. C. Legal, Engineer A. E. Gorham.

2437. Wm. V. Mahoney, 623 Bond Buil., 1639 W St. S. E., Anacostia.
D. C. 40, Real Estate Dealer. A. E. Gorham.

C. 40, Real Estate Dealer, A. E. Goldston, 2438. Antonio Losada, 1529 18 St. N. W., Washington, D. C. 29, Clerk.

A. E.Gorham. 2439. Maitland Milliken, 104 Foster Bldg., Denver, Colo. Legal, Stamp

Dealer. C. V. Webb., 2440. Paul Floyd Cornish, 42 Bradt., Schenectady, N. Y. 33, Foreman.

W. Kotnew.
 2441. W. Parlin Lillard, Box 120, Lawrenceburg, Ky. 17, Student. Erwin
 I. Fischer.

2442. Andrew C. Schaedler, 14 So. 54 St., Philadelphia, Pa. 38, Electrical

Contractor. C. V. Webb. 2443. J. C. Alston, Apt D 9, Marlboro Apts., Spokane, Wash. 30, Bank

Teller. C. J. Reese. 2444. Wm. Shtofman, Box 440, Wilmington, Del. 21, Salesman. C.

W. Kissinger. 2445. Willie W. Hansen, R. 2, Velva, N. D. 22, Farmer. V. W. Rotners 2446. E. W. Hayden, Box 300, Cleveland, Ohio. 39, Trav. Salesman.

2440. E. W. Milmigton, Kalaupapa, Hawaii. 54, Postmaster, J. E. Guest. 2448. G. A. Arthur, 601 51 St., Milwaukee, Wis. 29, Collection Cor-

respondent. H. E. Klotzbach. 2449. A. C. Worrell, Box 1118, Norfolk, Va. 16, Mail Clerk. A. A. Japan. 2450. Harcourt Parrish, 721 Brook St., Louisville, Ky. 17, Student. C.

V. Webb. 2451. L. O. Colburn, Box 119, Loami, Ill. 80, Retired Mechanic, L. T.

Brodstone. 2452. C. G. Dietrich, 212 Broadway, N. Y. City. 52, Stamp Dealer. H. B. Mason.

2453. Philip W. Ireland, Lookout Mt., Tenn. 14, Student. J. E. Guest. 2454. Julius D. Segelken, 78 Greenwich St., N. Y. City. 29, Cashier. C. V. Webb.

2456. Walter E. Bierman, 2430 Clarke St., Milwaukee, Wisc. 26, Toll Tester, Webb.

What's the use, the advs. in the WEST teach you instantly how to buy at the right prices. Don't sit up nights studying-TRY 'EM.

#### DENVER NOTES .- By Maitland Milliken.

Specimen copies of Mexico 10 centavos commemorative stamps bearing portrait of V. Carranza in a beautiful shade of blue have been seen here. They are only good for interior postage and for one month. They are at 30 c U. S. Gold by a Mexico City Dealer. They are likely to be a very desirable stamp depending on the quantity issued, of course.

Denver is evidently on the itinerary of a great many visiting philatelists as evidenced by the following:

Louis Lazos of the U. S. Naval Hospital at New Fort Lyons, Colorado, visited with the local philatelists the past ten days.

C. R. Calahan, of Seattle, Washington., publisher of the Collector's Companion, said to be the only philatelic publication on the Pacific Cosat, was visiting in Denver several days while on his way east.

The sale of the famous Seybold collection of original covers that took place several years ago, is still fresh in the mind of the philatelic world. The purchaser of the above, Mr. Coit, enjoyed a two days' visit with your correspondent.

#### Has a "Log Cabin" Bottle

To The Post:

Sometime ago there was an item in The Post about a bottle of log cabin design. I have one which I believe to be of the same kind. It is represented eas a two-story log cabin and bears the signature, "Kelly's Log Cabin Bitters, and is dated 1865. I also have two other style glazed pottery bottles, quart-size. They have been in our family for more than forty years.—A. D. Daily, Mt. Washington.

There are now over 350,000 Indians in the United States, and 25,000 in

More copper was produced in the United States last year than in any previous year in the history of the industry.

A typewriter is being introduced into India, which will write the 360 characters and signs of the Bengal alphabet.

By a new process originated in England, a steel is produced which is said to be proof against rust, stain and tarnish.

At the age of eighteen, David is said to have written his first Psalm, Shelley wrote "Queen Mab" and Mendelssohn composed his music for "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

A clever carpenter at Medford, Mass., has spent ten years in constructing a small mahogany table which contains twenty-nine secret drawers. These drawers cannot be opened unless certain skillfully concealed buttons are pressed. Besides the twenty-nine drawers hidden in the table, there are two shelves, five covers and one door. The table is two feet two inches equare.

Every cent spent with our ads will make a better paper for you. Be sure and mention the WEST when writing all Advertisers.

# NUMISMATICS

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This department is conducted solely in the interest of our readers. All are asked to contribute articles, ask questions, send clippings, etc.; as many and as often as you will. Remember things that seem trivial to you may be of the greatest interest to others. Publishers are invited to send copies for mentions.

A royal proclamation by the English crown now classes gold, silver and paper money and all negotiable instruments as contraband.

Thirty million dollars of Villa paper money was recently burned by the sanitary department at Juarez. The money was in the form of Villa notes of one to twenty pesos denomination. This is only a small portion of the many millions which the bandit leader had struck off in the print shops in Chihuahua. It is estimated that at the time Villa lost controll of Chihuahua, there was three hundred million Villa and counterfeit bills.

### NEW U. S. COINS.

Secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo, has announced the acceptance of designs for new half dollars, quarter dollars and dimes. It is expected that these coins will be minted after July 1. This is the first time since 1891 that the design of these coins has been changed.

The half dollars and dimes were designed by Adolph A. Weinman and the quarters by Herman A. MacNeal. These coins will probably be spoken of as the "Liberty" pieces, since the Goddess is the central figure in the design of all.

The face of the half dollar bea's a full-length figure of Liberty with a tackground of the American flag flying to the breeze. The Goddess is striving toward the dawn of a new day, carrying branches of laurel and oak symbolic of civil and military glory. The hand of the figure is outstretched in bestowal of the spirit of liberty. The reverse shows an eagle perched high upon a mountain crag, his wings unfolded fearless in spirit and conscious of his power. Springing from a rift in the rock is a sapling of mountain pine, symbolic of America.

The 25-cent piece, in design, is intended to typify the awakening of the country in preparedness. The front shows a full-length of Liberty, front view with head turned to the left, stepping toward the gateway of the country, bearing upraised a shield. The right hand bears an olive branch of peace. On the field above the head is inscribed the word "LIBERTY" on the step under her feet "1916," and on the wall are the words, "IN GOD WE TRUST," which words also appear on the half dollar. The reverse shows the American eagle in full flight with wings extended sweeping across the coin. Suscription: "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," and "E PLURIBUS UNIDUM." And "QUARTER DOLLAR." Connecting the lettering on the outer circles are olive branches with ribbons streaming in the breeze.

The design of the dime, on account of the smallness of the coin, is simple.

The obverse shows a head of Liberty with winged cap. The head is fine and simple in form, the profile forceful. The reverse shows a design of the bundle of rods, with a battle ax, known a "Fasces" and symbolical of unity, wherein lies the nations strength. Surrounding the fasces is a full-foliaged branch of speace.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

110. S. E. H. Sturgeon Lake, Minn.—(Q) What is the value of an 1846 silver dollar? Ans.—O. mint \$3 to \$5. 46 over 45, is very rare and no price is mentioned in catalogues. We have at hand (b) Half dollar 1869. Ans. \$1 to \$1.25. (c) Same 1875? Ans. \$1 to \$1.25. (d) Same 1893? Ans \$1.25 to \$1.50. (e) Quarter 1876? Ans. 40 to 90. (f) Same 1877? Ans. 40 to \$1.10. (g) Ten Cents 1889? Ans. 20 to 40. (h) Same 1891? Ans. 20 to 40. (i) Same 1888? Ans. 40 to 7.0 (k) Five cents 1868? Ans. 10 to 40. (l) Same 1883? Ans. 10 to .25. (m) Lincoln cent, 1914? Ans. 1 cent. (n) Lincoln cent 1913, D mint? Ans. 1 cent. (o) Same 1909 with no mint mark? Ans. 15 to 75. (p) Are any other Lincoln cents worth saving? Ans. Yes. They are all worth face value for ordinary purposes. Why don't you buy a coin catalogue?

111-J. E. H. Warsaw, Wis.—How many silver dollars were coined in 1904? Ans. We have no report for 1904. You should be able to get the information from the director of the mint,

112—I. N. M. Muskogee, Okla.—(a) What is the value of a piece struck in Read on front words, "Bullion value" and date 1896 and profile similar to that on the U. S. dollar. Rev. "Sixteen to one, we don't think," with eagle like that on dollar? Ans. This is some kind of a campaign piece. We would judge the walue to be very small.

113—Mrs. E. P., Chicago, Ill.—(a) What is the value of a half dollar 1853, — 0 mint, with arrows at date? Ans. .75 to \$1.25. (b) Dime 1906? Ans. Proof. .40.—(c) One dollar 1901? Ans. Unc. \$1.50, Proof. \$3.25. (d) 1915 penny, D mint, at-so 1915 without mint? Ans. You evidently mean cent instead of penny. If so they are worth one cent each. (e) 1909 V. O. B. Cent? Ans. Read a few of the back numbers. You can't fail to find an answer. You would find a catalogue to the oftgreat rangistance to you. The largest illustrated catalogue on the market may be had for only 60 cents, while the 10 cent kind are far better than mone.

114—L. H. V., Haywood, Ill.—What is the piece of which I enclose rubbing? The wording on front is "Imitacion L. C. Laniet Nurburg, 10 pesetus?" Ans. The peseta is a Spanish unit of value while the word "imitacion" is Spanish for imitation. From this we take it that your piece is not a coin, but an imitation of some kind.

115 M. E. F. Kenosha, Wisconsin.—(a) What is the value of the pine tree shilling, 1852, in fine condition? Ans. \$3 to \$6. (b) Where could I find a market for it? Ans. A good method of disposing of old coins is to advertise them at your lowest cash price in West. Another is to place them with some auction dealer. We will be pleased to furnish you the name of a reliable dealer upon recipt of stamp.

116—D. W., Raton, N. M.,—I have an Indian head cent which is off center.

Is it counterfeit or genuine? Ans. We could not say without examining the coin. Very few imperfect coins get out of the mints, however, of recent years.

What is the date of your piece?

#### HERE'S A WOMAN WITH A PURPOSE.

"In company with a well-known anti-quarian of this city a reporter spent last evening with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Davidson of Detroit, in their rooms at the New Grand Hotel where they are staying a few days. Mrs. Davidson is a woman who would delight the heart of Prof. Ferris, who lectured on "Success' in this week. She has a purpose in life and she is pursuing it. It is her purpose to erect a Memorial hall dedicated to the heroes who wore the blue and the grey. For this purpose she has been traveling about the country with her husband for the last nine years, and has gone over the Southern battlefields, where the shock of battle came, and has gathered nearly four thousand relies for the Memorial building.

"She hopes to be able to present her collection to the state, provided the common-wealth will erect a building and give her a life lease of it. It is her plan to arrange the collection before interesting the legislature. There is no building of the kind in the state, and when the Memorial hall is established it will become a general depository for interesting and historical relics of all kinds and others would add largely to the collection started by Mrs. Davidson,

"She has authentic certificates accompanying each relic and they are systematically catalogued, so that their genuineness and reliability are unquestioned and they are easy to be looked up. The collection, however, is not limited to souvenirs of the Rebellion. It contains numerous mementoes of all the wars of the country from Colonial times down to date, as well as interesting relics of Mary, Queen of Scotts. It abounds with priceless relics of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, J. Wilkes Booth, Grant Sherman, Custer, slavery days, every battlefield of the Rebellion, the World's Fair and all the presidents. The extent, variety and richness of it all is beyond description-it must be seen or the certificates examined to learn the full value. It is worth, the time to sit down and have a talk of an hour or so with this interesting 'ady about her experiences in various parts of the country, notably the South, in the pursuit of her purpose. Her varied experience would make a good lecture. Among other notables with whom she has held very pleasant interviews was the widow of ex-President Palk, at her home in Nashville, Tennessee, a very pleasant and profitable visit for Mrs. Davidson; more so, because very few persons were able to gain an audience with the aged and distinguished lady."

Mrs. Davidson died June 6th 1916, at St. Joseph, Mich. She left collections to son who has ad in this issue.

Falls City, Neb.,—An "olla", believed to be of pre-historic origin was found on Thursday of last week on the south side-wall of a drainage ditch four miles east of this city.

Some men were blasting the bottom of the ditch to deepen it when a land-slide occurred which exposed the vase or olla. It was found at a depth of nine or ten feet from the surface of the ground and measured about eighteen inches in heighth and two or three feet in circumference. It had an opening at the top of nine inches. The dynamite used in blasting had cracked the ancient vessel. It is a splendid specimen, the second to be found in this county.

#### FAMOUS AMERICAN FLAGS NOT IN MUSEUMS, SENT BY COWELL

The well-known flags in the great national repositories yield their eloquent lessons day by day to the passersby, but all through this country there are flags in private possession which, given tongues, could speak their own thrilling words of victory or of defeat.

Some of them are connected with great leaders and great engagements; others are of small import, but are no less vital, for they fill in the minor parts in the story of the flags which tell a nation's history.

One of the flags in private possession in this country is the flag of the United States brig Enterprise, which she wore when she defeated the British ship Boxer off Portland, Me., September 15, 1913. It has fifteen stripes and fifteen stars, as prescribed by the act of Congress of 1794, which fixed the number of stars and stripes in the national banner during that period.

This flag is now in possession of a Mr. Quincy, of Portland, Me., who upon great occasions has loaned it for exhibition. The banner, although frail is well preserved by the owner, who is a descendant of the commander of the wictorious vessel.

How an old and historic flag may come to light as a crucial moment, after years of obscurity, occasionally affords an interesting story of its own, and its recent discovery is an episode in the career of a Marine Corps flag which saw distinguished service in Mexico in this country's early connection with that nation.

It was while overlooking an unusual portion of the residence of the commandant at the marine barracks at Washington that Mrs. Barnett, wife of Major General George Barnett, discovered in a box in an unused storage room an old framed flag whose yellow silken folds crumbled to the touch.

Believing it to be a valuable relic, she sent for an expert, who proved it to be none other than the flag carried by the Marine Corps battalion attached to the army of occupation under the command of Major General Winfield Scott in its march from Vera Cruz to the City of Mexico in 1847.

The highly elaborate decoration upon the old banner is painted on in oil and has thoroughly preserved this investigation that the painter of this device was Joseph Bush, an artist, who lived in Boston in the early forties, giving the date of the flag to be 1843.

Another important flag in private possession is owned by Mrs. Rosa Wright Smith, daughter of the late General Horatio G. Wright, major general commanding the Sixth Army Corps. General Wright succeeded General John Q. Sedgwick as commander of the Sixth Corps when the latter was killed at Spotsylvania, and continued to command until the end of the war. The tattered flag cherished by Mrs. Smith is the familiar headquarters banner of the Sixth Army Corps of the Army of the Potomac. It is a large fish-tailed blue flag bearing the figures "6" in read in the center of a white Greek cross. Mrs. Smith is herself, daughter of the Sixth Army Corps, having been elected to flat position by the survivors of that corps at their reunion in 1892.

#### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES By H. E. REISEBERG

Festival Indian Dances—Ordinarily, one harvest dance a year is enough for a tribe of Indians in New Mexico, but crops have been so abundant on their reservations the past season, that, this fall, the several-tribes, especially the boys and girls, have been dancing to the music of tom-toms about half of their time.

Six Miles in a Cave.—William P. Lawson, of Harper's Weekly, this fall, penetrated the mammoth cave on the Pecos, in New Mexico, a distance of six miles, and returned somewhat jaded and his skin badly broken. He turned back only because the hole became too small for his body. He believes that the cave, originally, was the bed of a river. He said that he struck no precious minerals, saw no wonderful rocks, encountered no pools of water, or heard no mysterious noises.

Lost Gold Mine Found.—After a search of thirty years, the lost French gold mine has been located in the flanks of Truchas peaks, thirty miles north of Santa Fe, New Mexico. This mine originally was opened by three Frenchmen, who, at intervals, used to ride horseback into Mora or Las Vegas, with bags of gold. One of the prospectors died of fever and it is legend that the remaining two in a quarrel over his share of the gold shot each other to death. Thirteen years ago a demented shepherd brought to camp a miner's hammer, which he found in a tunnel almost at timber line. This caused men to look for the lost gold mine, and in September it was found.

Tive is Put on the Map—It may be of interest to postmark collectors to know that a new town called Tive, in Morton County, Kansas, has been placed on the map by the postoffice.

Unearths Pipe That Gen. Jackson Gave to Indian Chief.—R. D. Harris owns what is believed to be the pipe that Gen. Andrew Jackson presented to an Indian chief at Garlandsville on his march to New Orleans. The pipe was found in an Indian mound at Hickory, Mississippi, among the bones and effects of the Indians and was buried a number of years ago. Mr. Harris lives at Hickory and says that he has remembrance of the Indian who piloted Gen. Jackson through Louisiana, having seen the Indian, who was an old man in his (Harris') early boyhood. The pipe is of pure meerschaum, and, as there were no white people in that section at the time, only Indians, the pipe is undoubtedly the one which Gen. Jackson smoked peace to the Indians and obtained their help in piloting him to New Orleans to fight the British in 1812. Natives of that section years ago, following the report that the United States government had given an Indian chief \$30,000 for his services in aiding Gen. Jackson. searched the whole section with divining rods in an effort to find the treasure, which, so far as is known, has never been located.

Relics of Prehistoric Period.—Three large ollas and other pottery were found recently, in a buried habitation of a prehistoric period, on the place of John Van Vost, near Aztec, San Juan County, New Mexico. They are relics of rare value and in a perfect state of preservation. The largest olla is sixteen inches tall, eleven inches across the mouth, and thirteen inches across the middle. The walls of this ancient habitation form rooms, connected by underground passageways. Lying above these, a great quantity of charcoal was found.

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Dear Members:

At the present writing. I have not heard from anyone of the members about the nominations for officers for the coming year. This is a matter of utmost importance and all members should send in their suggestions at once. Let us know who you want for officers even the you may not care to nominate them yourself.

All previous applicants have been accepted and cards will be mailed to them within a few days.

It is time we were considering our next convention. This convention, our second, will be held in Omaha again and those who were present last October will certainly be anxious to attend as well as have as many others as possible be ther. The Omaha bunch sure treated us right and this year it is planned to far surpass the last. Probably a two day session with something going on all the time. One of the attractions will probably be an auction sale and I would advise every member who has stamps to dispose of this way, to get in touch with the Auction management now. The time, not definitely set yet, will be around the latter part of September or early October, the time of the Ak-sar-ben fete. Let us know when it will be mose convenient to you. Spread the news to your friends.

The delayed more than expected, we now have a first circuit of the Sales department ready. Some fine stuff too, and if you want to get in on it let me hear from you at once. Those who have requested this earlier will not need to write again

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Navajo Blanket Show.—Bert Phillips, an artist of Taos, New Mexico, offers, if safe-keeping be guaranteed, to place his collection of Navajo blankets in the state museum, at Santa Fe, for exhibition, indefinitely. The collection is worth \$10,000. Mr. Phillips repeatedly has had offers for the purchase of these blankets but uniformly he has refused. The offer to place the collection in the museum amounts to an offer to give outright.

Some Ruin, This!—Dr. A. V. Kidder, who is excavating the ancient Pecos pueblo, New Mexico, says evidence uncovering is that the foundation was laid 5,400 years ago. He finds many skeletons in good state of preservation. Many photographs of the old pueblo, the mission church, and the surrounding landscape have been made.



SOME NOTES FOR WEAPON COLLECTORS .- By George J. Remsburg.

James Simmons of Downs, Kans., is exhibiting a curiosity in the form of a three-in-one weapon, which was found by his brother near Downs. The weapon is a revolver that can be converted into a dagger and a pair of knucks. In the early history of the country a band of outlaws made their headquarters in these parts and it is supposed the weapon was lost by one of them.

There is on exhibition at Woolwich, England, a bronze gun, weighing eighten tons and made of two pieces of metal screwed together, which was employed during the defense of the Dardanells in 1868.

A decided novelty in the way of pistols has been perfected for use by the United Statese signal corps for the purpose of communicating at night. Cartridges firing spurts of flame of various hues are used for ammunition, the color of the flame carrying a definite message to the distant lookout.

Otto Eulert, who lives near Junction City, Kans., has what he calls a "gopher gun" a device of his own invention with which he has killed nearly 200 gophers this season. It consists of a piece of gas pipe equipped with a trigger connected with a piece of wire to the other end of which is attached a piece of potato or some other bait. A 12 guage shot gun shell is inserted in the gap pipe and the weapon is placed in the borrow of the gopher. In tearing the bait from the wire the gopher discharges the weapon and is killed.

Revolvers belonging to the famous train robber, Jesse James, and the revolver with which James was kiled were displayed in a side show at the Farmer's Fair at Columbia, Mo., recently, acording to the University Missourian. These revolvers possess much history that has never been told. This was the first time they had ever been exhibited. A letter from Jesse E. James, a son of the bandit, to a student says, "I take pleasure in explaining to you that the three revolvers lent for use at the fair at Columbia are genuine and authentic." The Ford pistol is the one with which Jesse James was killed in St. Joseph by Bob Ford. The Jesse James revilver is the one carried by him during the greater part of his career. This is one of the two revolvers he had when killed. Besides the revolvers, the show also had the booth belonging to James, as well as his bridle and shotgun belt. The collection belongs to former Governor Crittenden of Kansas City and to Jesse E. James. Many exciting stories are told of this famous Missouri bandit, who at one time was a United States soldier.

but turned outlaw after finding a relative killed by Union soldiers. He and his brother took oath to get revenge for this deed. From this time until he was killed by a partner who wanted to get a reward, Jesse James lived a life wilder than the tales of dime novels. Everyone from sheriffs to Pinkerton detectives attempted to catch him, with little success.

H. Bowie recently wrote entertainingly of the Bowie knife in the New

York Sun: "As a very small child I remember a bowie knife that was kept hanging from a high post bed. It was my joy when alone to draw up a chair, place a cricket on that, then climb up, clasping the bedpost with one arm and with the other drawing the bowie knife as far from the sheath as I dared. I can feel now the murderous gleam of the steel and the thrilling sense of dauger. I do not know what has become of this knife, but there are several among the Bowie family in Maryland and one which, I think, is asserted to be the original is preserved at the Players' club in New York. The original was fashioned from an old file under the personal supervision of Colonel Rezin P. Bowie by Jesse Cliffe, the plantation blacksmith, and given to his brother, Colonel James Bowie, who made it famous and gave Colonel Bowie was called by the Indians the Fighting Devil, by his Texan it to the actor Forrest after having used it in nineteen deadly encounters. followers the Young Lion, yet we are also told that he was the most peaceful man in the world if you let him alone. His portrait is that of a strong man and a gentleman thoroughly disillusioned and as true as steel. Above all things the leader for a forlorn hope, but with no suggestion of the border desperado which he is so often represented to be.

#### ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Hotel Rochester, Tuesday, June 6, 1916.

101st meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association called to order by President F. B. King.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee appointed to act on the applications of J. W. Horner,
D. A. Young and A. E. Loiseau reported favorably, and they were accordingly
elected to membership.

Mr. F. T. Savage of 349 University Avenue and Mr. G. T. Nientimp of 138 Berlin Street made application for membership, recommended by Mr. J. Maunovry and Dr. French, and applications were referred to a Committee composed of Messrs. W. H. Ambrg, Bauer, Morritt and French.

Owing to the continued wet weather in this vicinity, it was decided to postpone the outing planned for until the weather became settled,—no date being set, but it will probably be the latter part of June or first of July. This will be reported on at next meeting by the Committee in charge.

The balance of the evening was spent in looking over the coins on exhibit, selected from the Collection of the late Harry E. Montgomery, of Buffalo, N. Y., which is to be sold at auction on June 16th.

Meeting adjourned to June 20th, 1916.

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H. H. YAWGER, Secretary.

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